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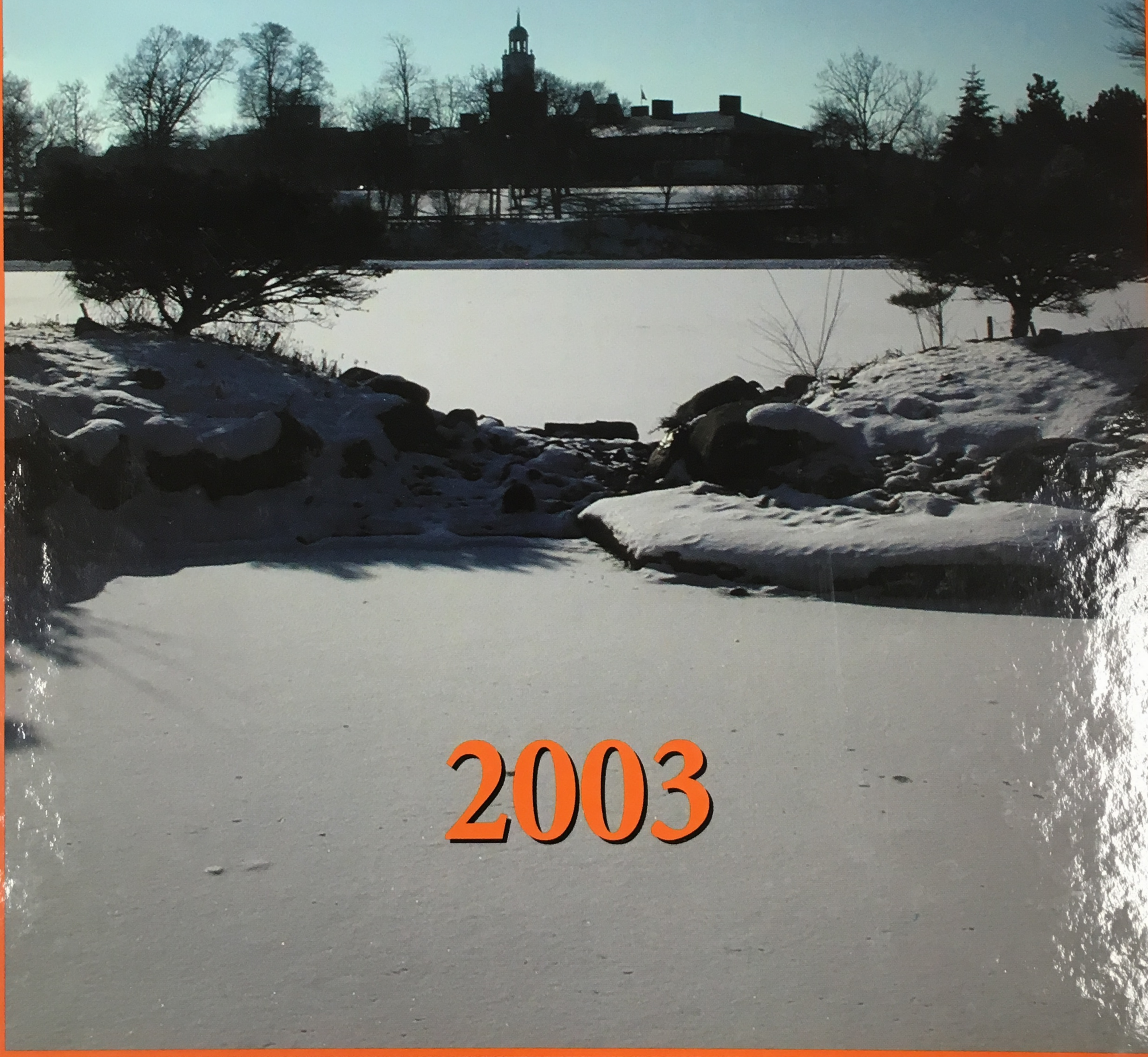
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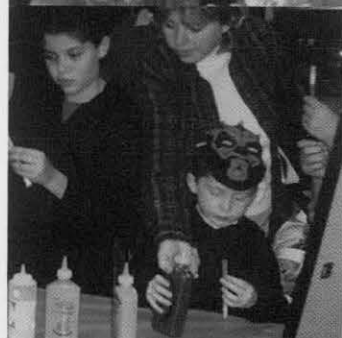
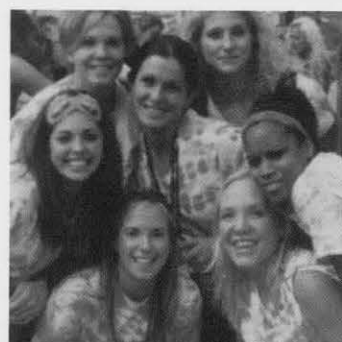
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# Introduction

Welcome to the 92nd edition of the *Elms*. The *Elms* was first published back in 1912 and has been assembled for students by students ever since. Last year the yearbook budget was in jeopardy due to a low level of student involvement and poor book sales. We were not even sure if we would have a yearbook this year. Then we got the budget to do an 88 page softcover book. Thanks to the hard work of the staff and renegotiating with the USG we got an additional budget allocation to make it a hardcover book. Working with our printer we arranged a format that would make the whole book full color – a first-ever for the *Elms*. As you look at the book now and in the future, we hope that it will bring memories alive for you again and remind you favorably of your days, months, and years at Buffalo State. Enjoy the book and let's strive to make future books even better.

Mae Urban

*Editor-in-chief*

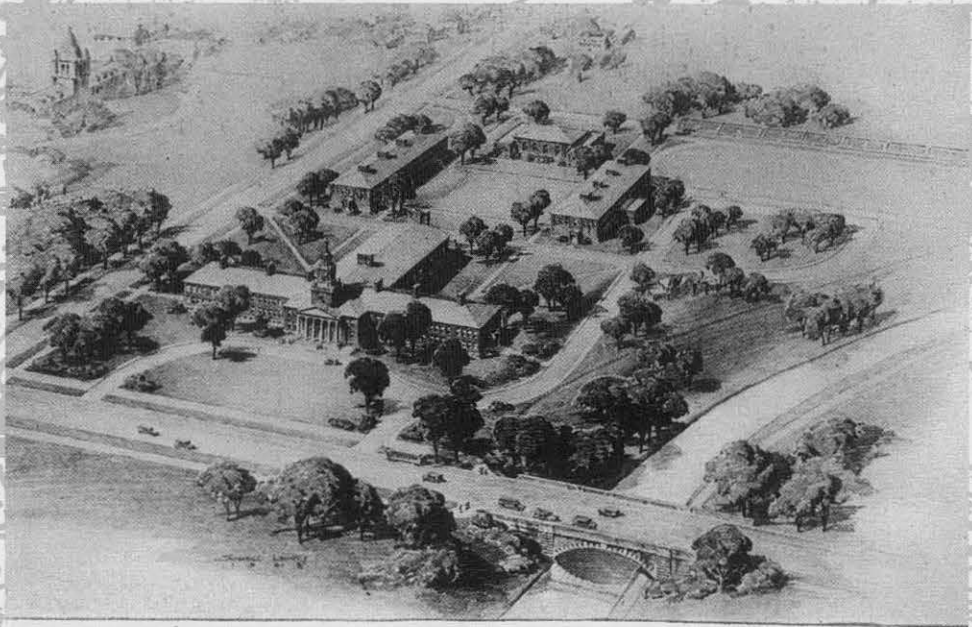




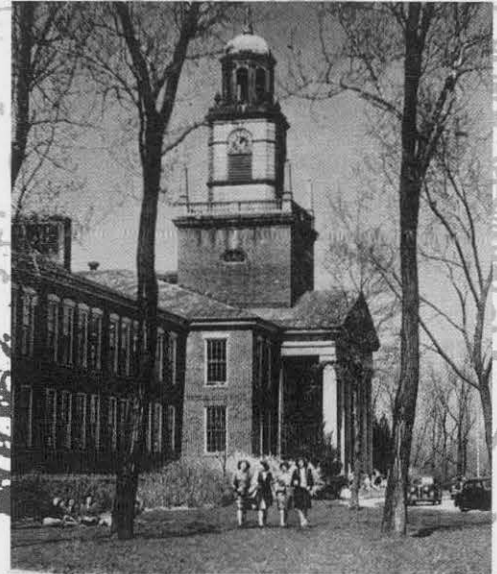
# Buffalo State Through the Years

*This drawing was used to illustrate the plan for the future campus when the college prepared to move from downtown Buffalo.*

*The pictorial map in the background is from the front page of the Buffalo Courier Express in 1898 when the Pan-American Exposition was being planned for an area north of Scajaquada Creek.*

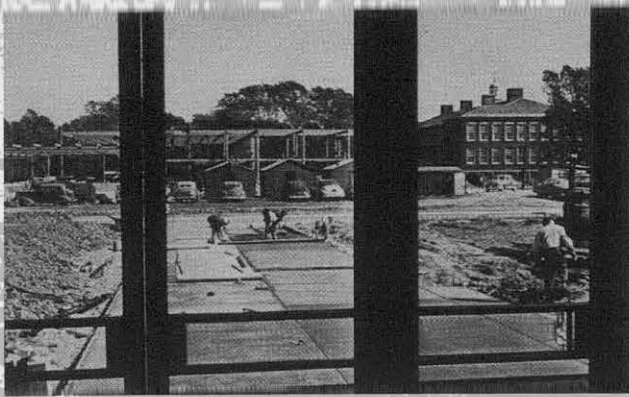


THE PROPOSED CAMPUS



*The main building on the Elmwood campus was patterned after Philadelphia's Independence Hall.*





*The top two pictures on this page show views you won't see today: the future Butler Library under construction as seen from the Student Union lobby in 1951, and the south end of the Union Quad in 1970 just before Grover Cleveland Hall was built. The bottom picture shows the original Buffalo Normal School at Jersey and Fourteenth Streets surrounded by towering elm trees – presumably the namesakes of the Elms yearbook. A newer building on the same site housed the college from 1914 to 1930.*

**B**uffalo State has undergone quite a few changes since its humble beginnings shortly after the Civil War. Originally called the Buffalo State Normal School it was located a couple of miles closer to the city center and had a student body of fewer than 100 women and men. The student body and the curriculum grew over the next 60 years and in 1926 Buffalo State became a full-fledged college. The next year the college began the move to the current location at Elmwood Avenue and Scajaquada Creek, taking over 90 acres of farm and park land that had previously been part of the Buffalo State Hospital grounds.

That location, which only a few years earlier been the edge of the city, had some interesting and historic features. The hospital, with its H.H. Richardson-designed gothic twin tower complex commanded the view to the south. Across Elmwood Avenue was the neo-classical Albright Art Gallery, and beyond that the pastoral Delaware Park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Across the creek to the northeast was a neighborhood built on the grounds of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, the site of President William McKinley's assassination.

The state and city built five buildings on the new campus. Those buildings are currently Rockwell, Bacon, and Ketchum Halls, the Theater and Broadcast Building (which was built with a gymnasium and pool), and the Campus House. The college moved into those buildings in 1931 and quickly gained a reputation as an excellent college for the training of teachers.

At the end of the 1940s the State University of New York system was established and the New York State College for Teachers at Buffalo was set as a member institution. Over the next two decades construction was nearly constant as buildings were added to provide a science center and other specialized classroom buildings, a library and student union, plus dormitory housing and dining halls for the growing population of resident students. The list of liberal arts degrees offered was greatly expanded and "for Teachers" was eventually dropped from the name.

During the 1970s Grover Cleveland Hall was built and the college administration moved out of Rockwell Hall and into the new quarters. A decade or so later the next major construction took place – the Sports Arena with a new larger gymnasium and an ice rink. In recent years a new bookstore was added to the Student Union and Moot Hall was reconstructed to provide new facilities for student services such as Registration and Admissions.









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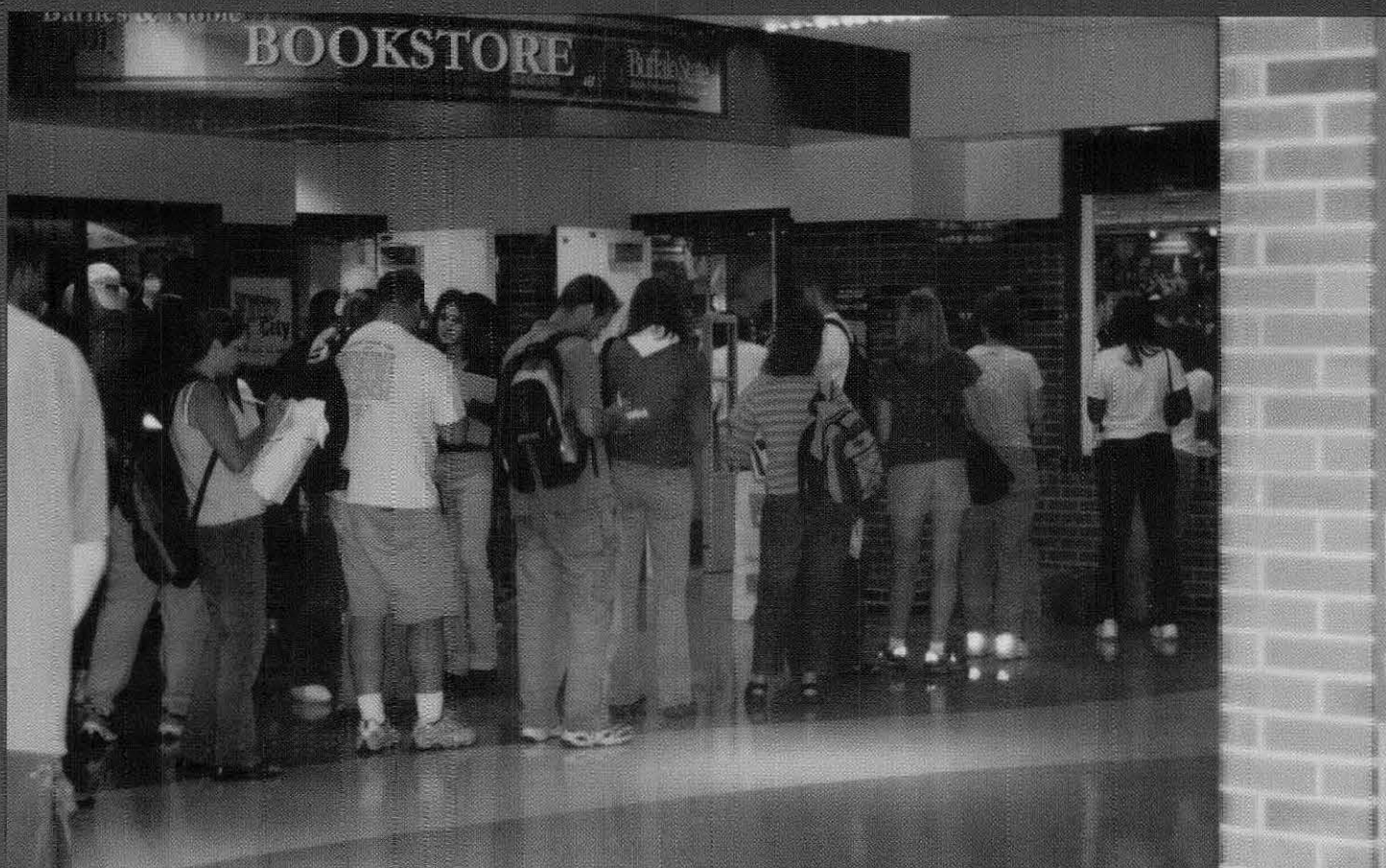


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# The Year Begins

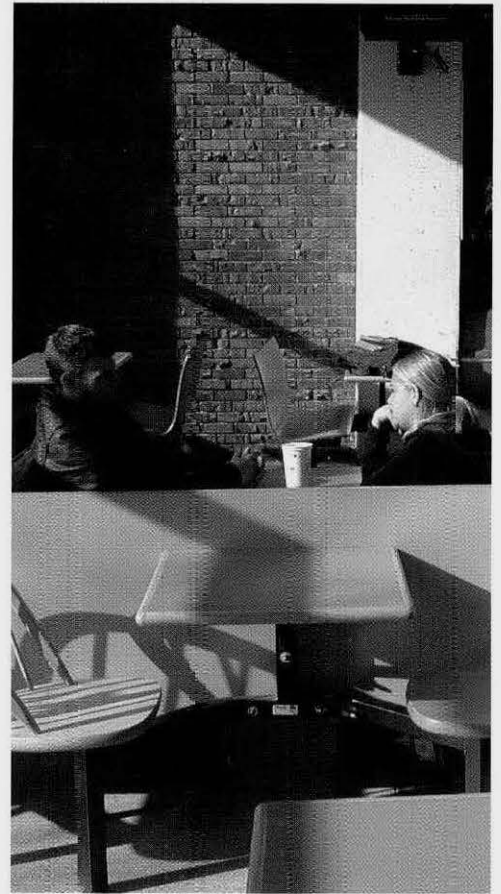
*Lines for the parking lots,  
lines for registration, lines for  
the book store, lines for food,  
lines for drop day, lines for  
add day ... the only line we're  
actually looking forward to  
is the line for graduation!*

A new semester. What does that mean? Depends on whom you ask! First thing to think about is do you have the classes you want or has one been canceled? Should I plead with the professor to let me force into the class? Let's mention the parking, as you smile. Parking is terrible. You must either arrive before dawn or get here twenty minutes before class to walk from the shed. This is not only a problem for students but also for faculty. After all of this you must wait in line everywhere. Some start counting down to the next break. No matter who you are, you are here for the same reasons as many, to get a degree. Sometimes as we stand in those long lines frustrated, we need to remember that graduation is not that far off.

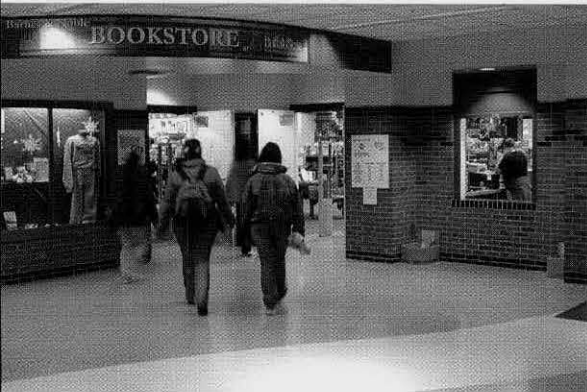


# The Heart of the Campus The Student Union

During the past few years quite a lot has been done to upgrade and improve the public areas of the Campbell Student Union. The biggest change of course was the new bookstore – complete with the Java City concession and a fine seating area. Along with the store, the lower lobby was redesigned, enlarged and provided with a brilliant skylight. Since there never seems to be enough coffee these days, there's also the Underground Cafe (moved from Moot Hall when that building was refurbished) with its moodier (if not quieter) atmosphere. The main lobby also received a facelift, with a new info desk and ticket office, new furniture in the lounge areas, and a bank of computers.



*On sunny days the cafeteria can be one of the most comfortable places in the Student Union*



*The entrance to the new bookstore is in the expanded lower lobby.*

*The new Information Center carries the striking maroon color scheme.*







*The main lobby of the Union (above) is very active with vendors and informational tables, particularly during the Bengal Pause activity period on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

*Below, clockwise from top left: a number of lounge areas set off from the open lobby are a fairly quiet place to pause between classes; a book seller provides an alternative to the bookstore for used textbooks; the Underground Cafe may not be under ground any more but it's more popular than ever; the bookstore's Java City reputedly has the best coffee on campus.*



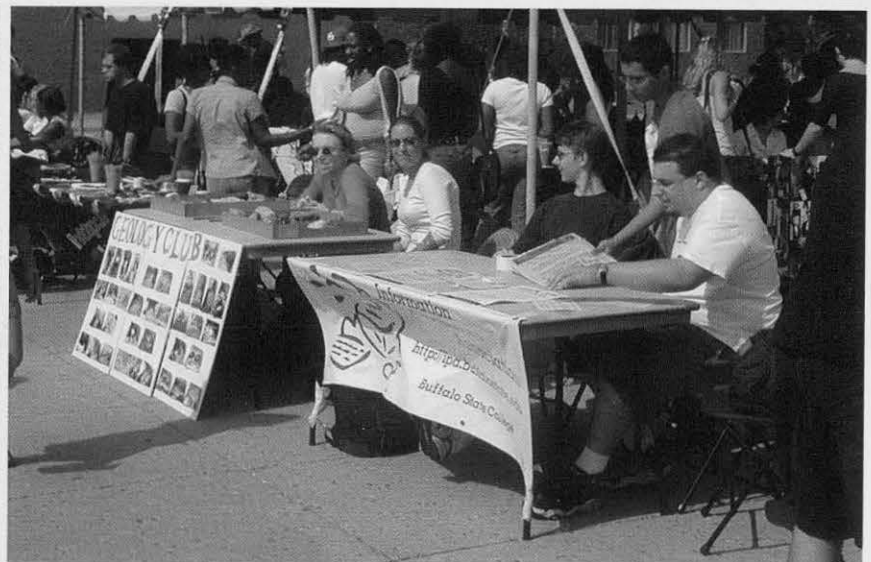


# Organization Fair



Each fall students come together for the United Students Government sponsored Organization Fair. This day offers an opportunity for members of participating student organizations to meet each other, and for the clubs to share information, increase awareness, and build student involvement. Events like this illustrate the diverse backgrounds, interests, and aspirations of the students at Buffalo State.









*Mr. Illmatic provided the music.*

## AASO Picnic

In September the African American Students Organization had a picnic in the Perry Quad and invited the whole campus. Over 50 students from organizations and dorm rooms came out for the hot dogs, barbecued chicken, hamburgers, and rice and beans prepared by AASO, and to enjoy the music and camaraderie.









# Homecoming "Cheer Factor" 2002

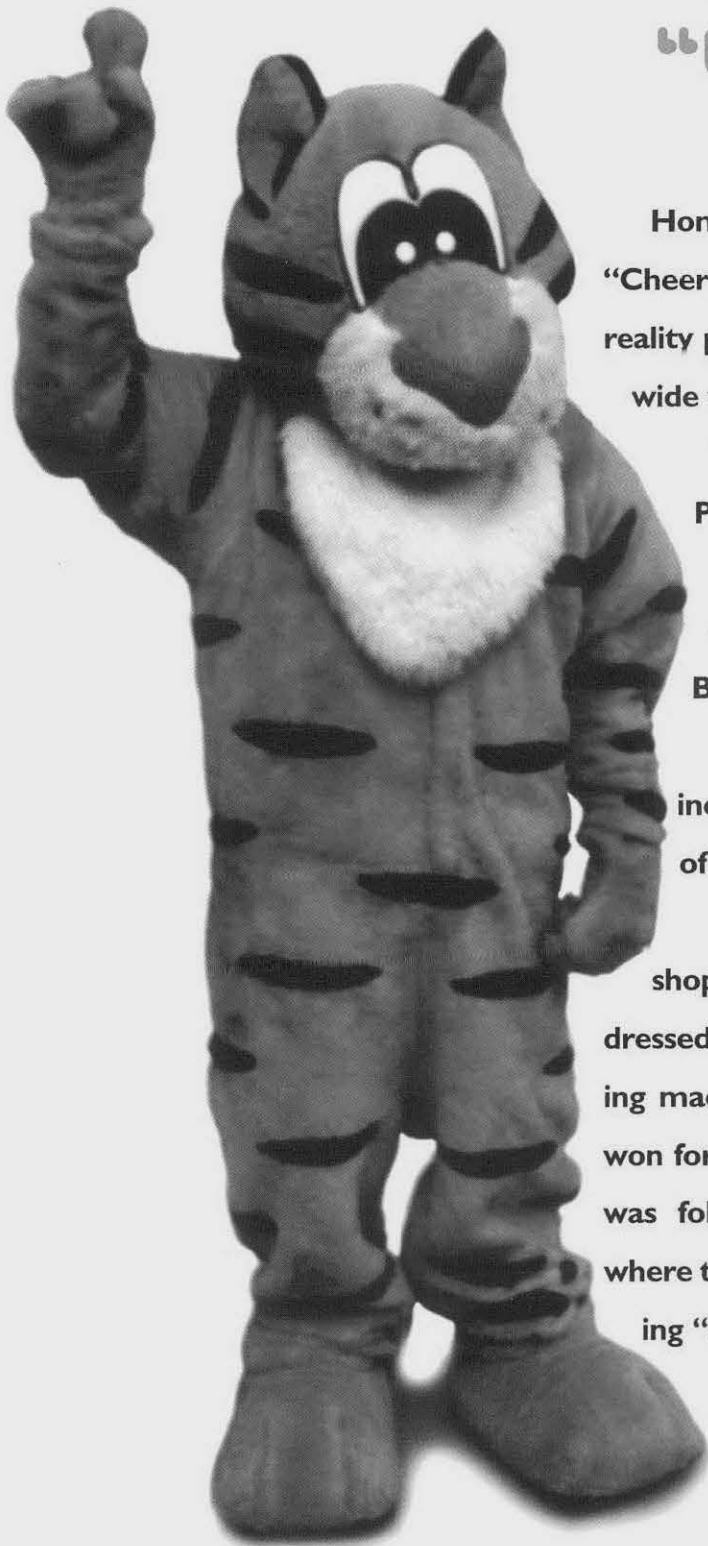
Homecoming took on a new slogan for 2002. "Cheer Factor" (a play on the name of a popular TV reality program) was the phrase around campus for a wide variety of festivities.

The fun kicked off on Thursday during Bengal Pause. Students filled the quad for the opening rally, munching on barbecue goodies while cheerleaders and athletes marched to the loud BSC beat.

On Friday there was a fun mix of events including dunk tanks, pie throwing contests, and – of course – more food.

Saturday morning's festivities began with a shopping-cart race. Various clubs and organizations dressed up their carts to compete as the ultimate racing machines. The Caribbean Students Organization won for best club and Tower I for best dorm. A rally was followed by the homecoming football game, where the Bengals tried their best but their homecoming "cheer factor" did not result in a victory.

*The Bengal Tiger Mascot is always there to raise the spirit of Buffalo State fans.*



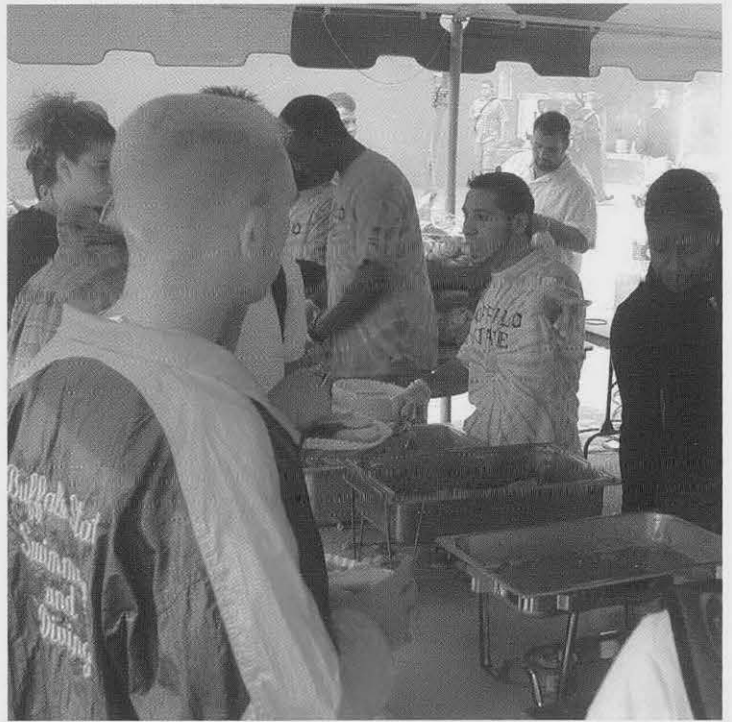
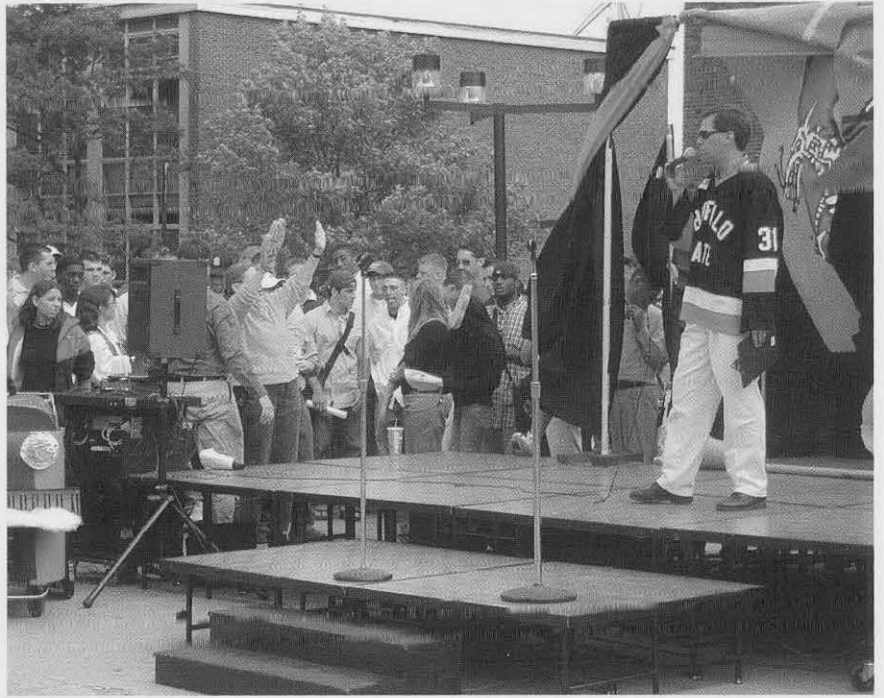




## PEP RALLY

*Homecoming 2002 kicked off with the traditional Pep Rally in the Union Quad. A sunny Thursday afternoon in late September was the perfect setting for the cheers, music, and souvenirs. Members of the athletic teams (like the women's volleyball team seen here) joined the pep band, students, administrators, and naturally the Buffalo State Cheerleaders, for an inspiring event.*





## PEP RALLY

*At the Pep Rally the United Students Government sponsored a Welcome Back barbecue and tossed foam bengal paws and souvenir footballs from the Union balcony. USG president Steve LoBello was among the barbecue servers (lower right) and Tom Koller of the Athletic Department MCed the rally (top right) and coordinated the whole Homecoming celebration.*

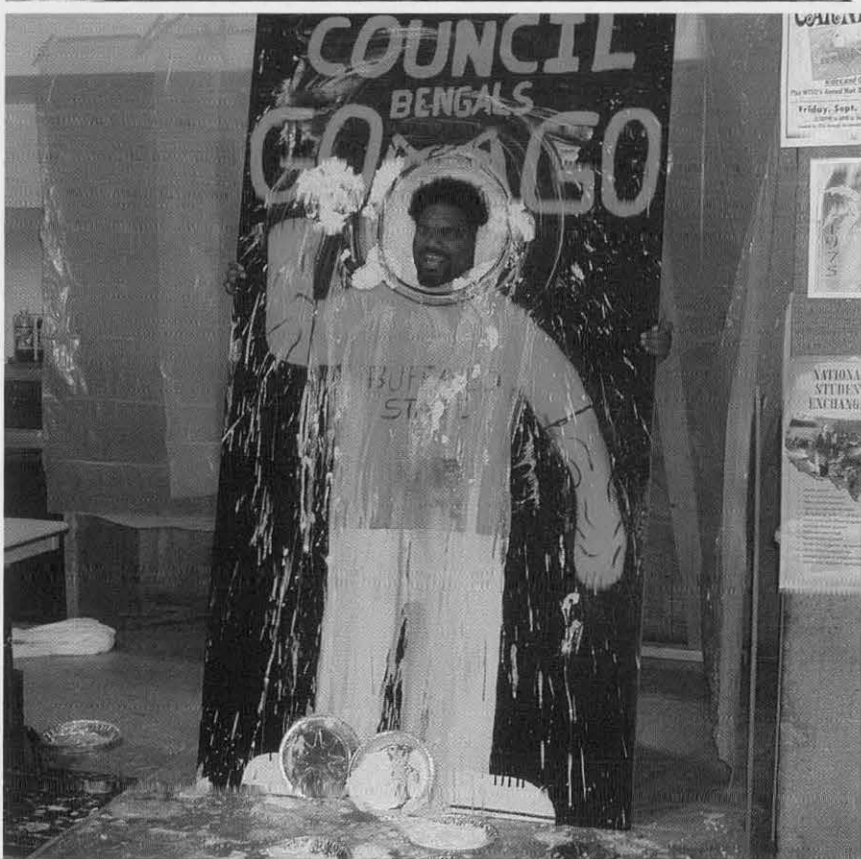
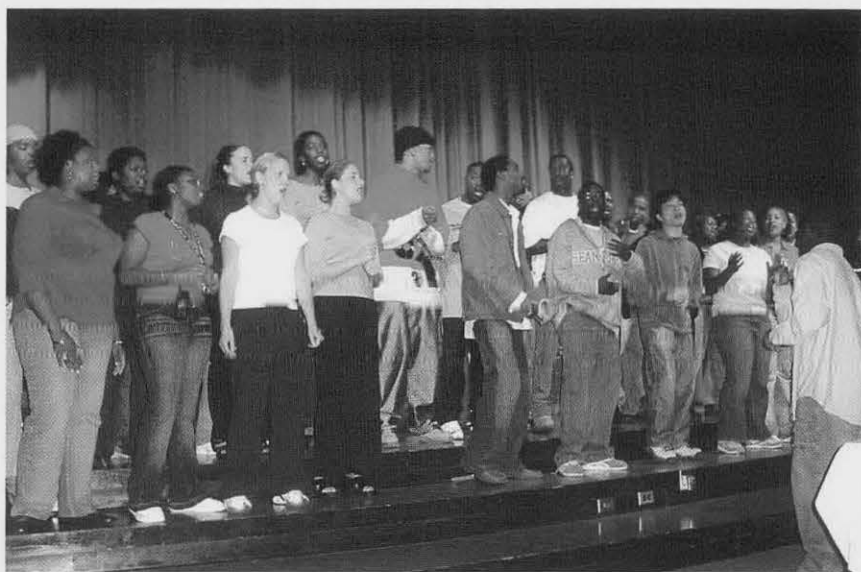




## PEP RALLY

*The Syncopations (lower left) sang the national anthem and a selection of doo-wop oldies and a pep band made up of music students and faculty performed.*





## KING & QUEEN PAGEANT / CARNIVAL

Thursday night a contest was held in the Buckham Campus School Auditorium to choose the Homecoming King and Queen. The candidates did every thing they could to display their school spirit and win the crowns. The event was capped with a group whose name is spirit – the S.P.I.R.I.T. Gospel Choir. The next day's Carnival was mostly moved indoors because of rain, but the hot tub and a dunk tank stayed outside. The pie-throw created such a mess that some people probably wished it had stayed outside.

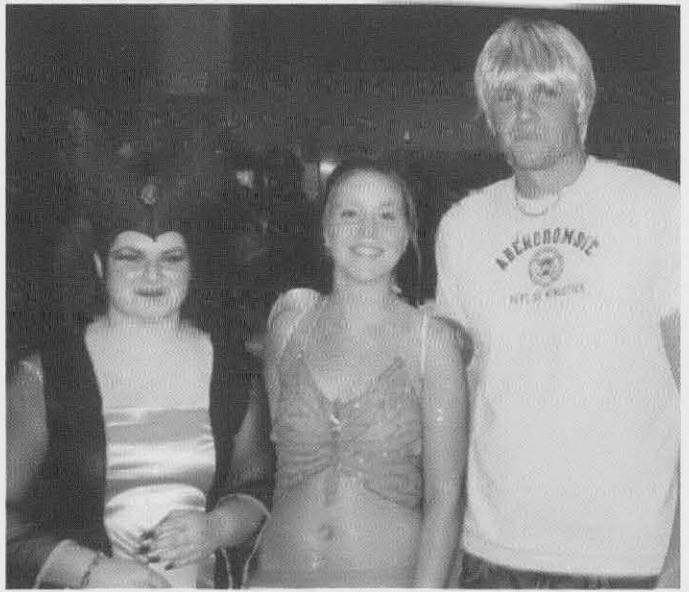




## PARADE / FOOTBALL GAME

The sun came back out on Saturday for the parade, tail gate parties, and football game. The 2002 parade featured a first-time shopping-cart float contest (co-sponsored by Tops supermarket, guaranteeing a supply of legal shopping carts). Unfortunately, in spite of all the spirit and support, the football Bengals couldn't overcome the visiting Cortland team.

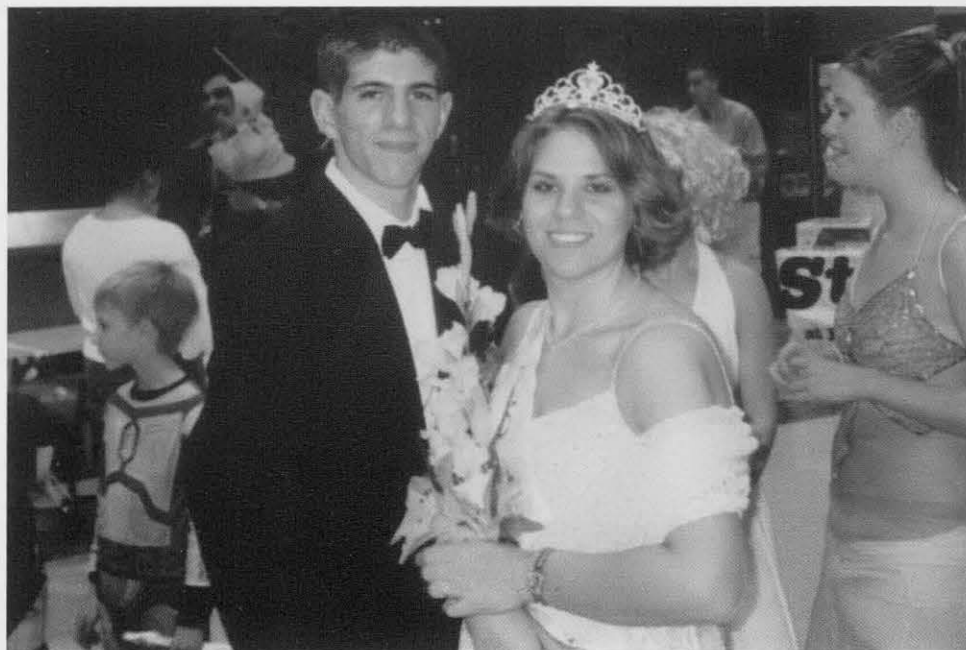




*The Union Bash was billed as a family friendly event – at least for the first few hours. Bingo, karaoke, and lots of silly costumes were among the features.*



# The Union Bash



Halloween was once again a time for various campus organizations to haunt the Student Union

We're not sure how long it takes for something to become a "tradition" but in only its third staging the **Union Bash** looks to become a long-standing one. Like the previous fall's Bash this one had a Halloween theme with **USG's** Haunted Hallway spooking up the top floor, and pumpkin carving and candy available elsewhere. **Lazertron**, karaoke, a pie toss, **UPD's** children's fingerprinting, and **NSBE's** chubby bunny were other features. "I was very glad to have the opportunity to assist and participate in the **Union Bash**," said Sherelle Baize. "It was indeed a blast!"



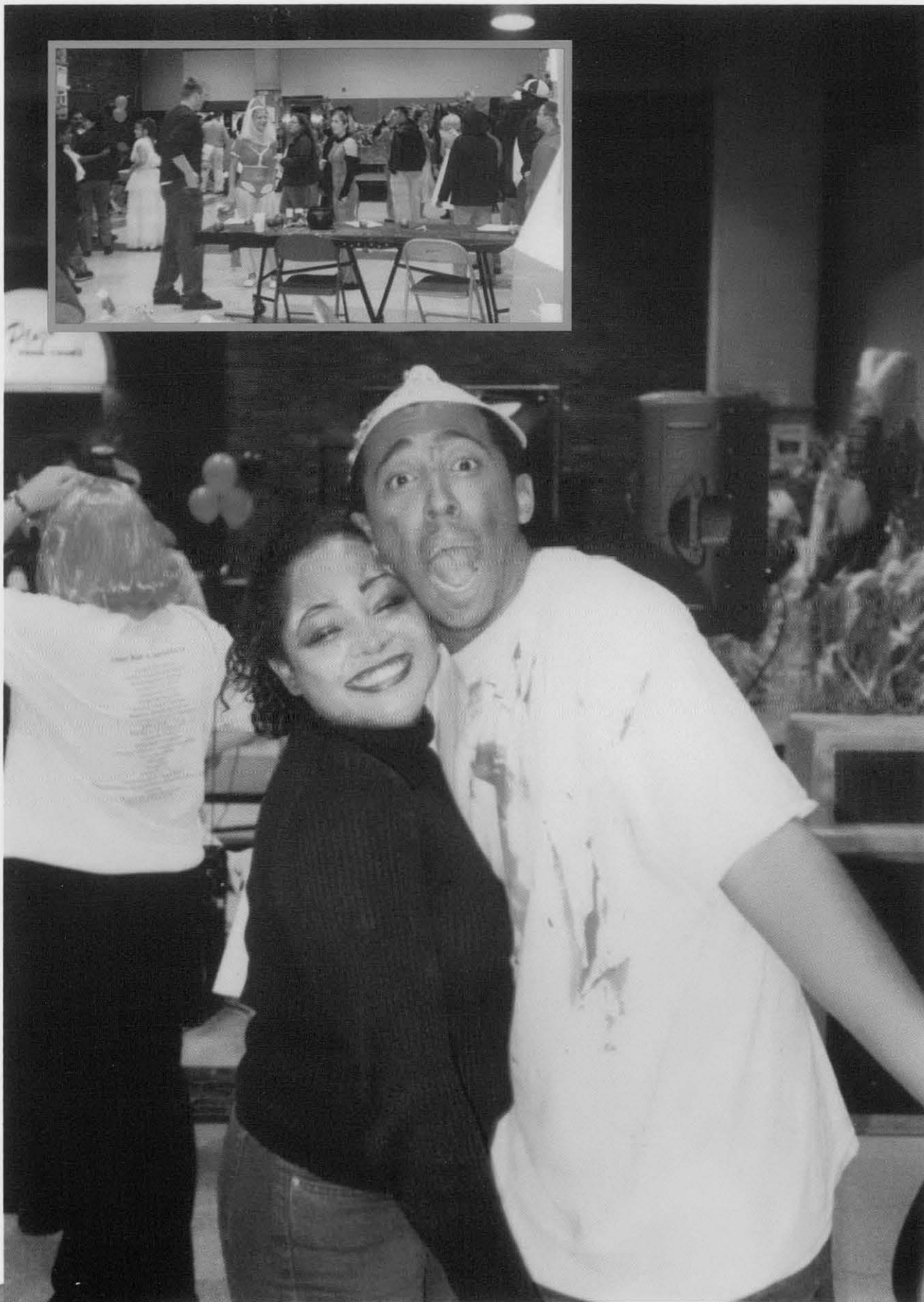




Lots of smiles – some of them on pumpkins – filled the Union during the Bash.





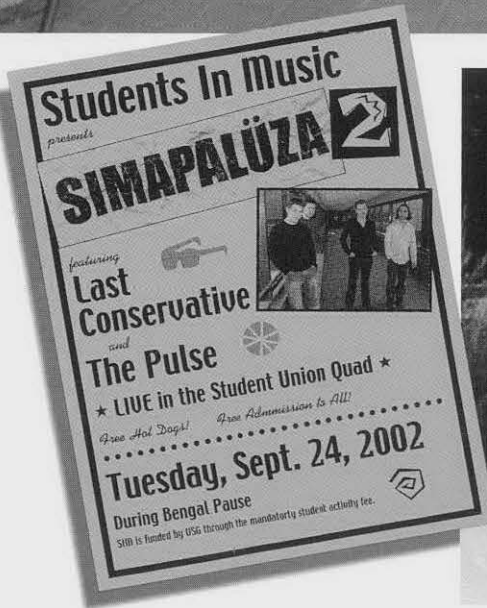
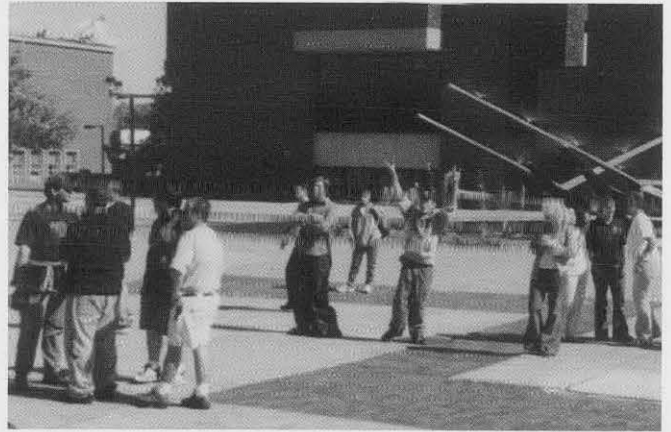






# Simapalüza

Near the end of September the Students In Music sponsored some live performances in the Union Quad. Last Conservative (seen at left) and The Pulse performed while a crowd enjoyed free hot dogs prepared by the Students In Music along with the bands



*Members of the Students In Music organization cooked hot dogs for the music lovers who stopped to listen.*





## AASO Fashion Show

“Nubian Couture” was the theme of this year’s African American Students Organization fashion show, staged in the Union Social Hall in November. Members of the organization modeled the often very revealing fashions, many of which showed a distinct African styling. Music and other entertainment was also provided by talented AASO members.



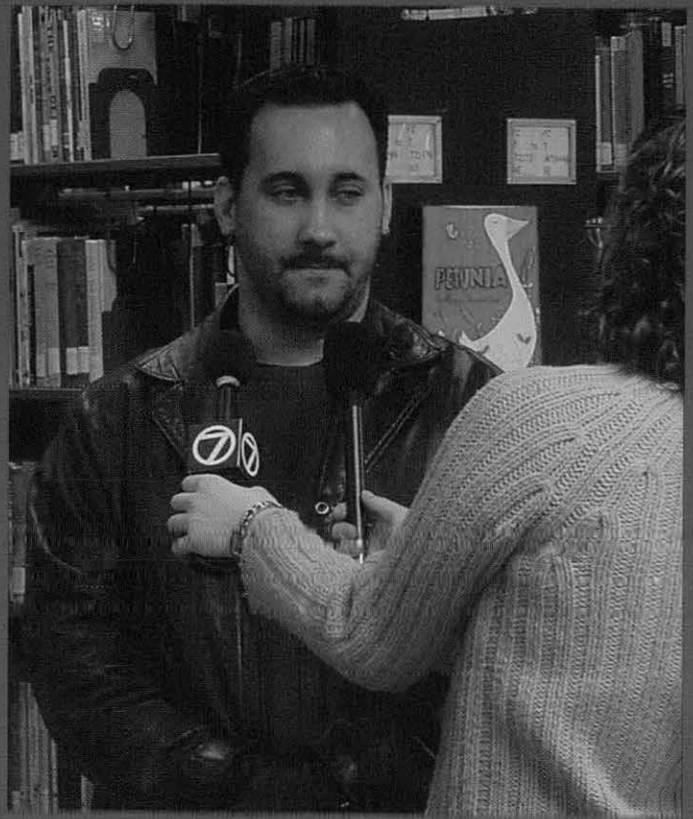




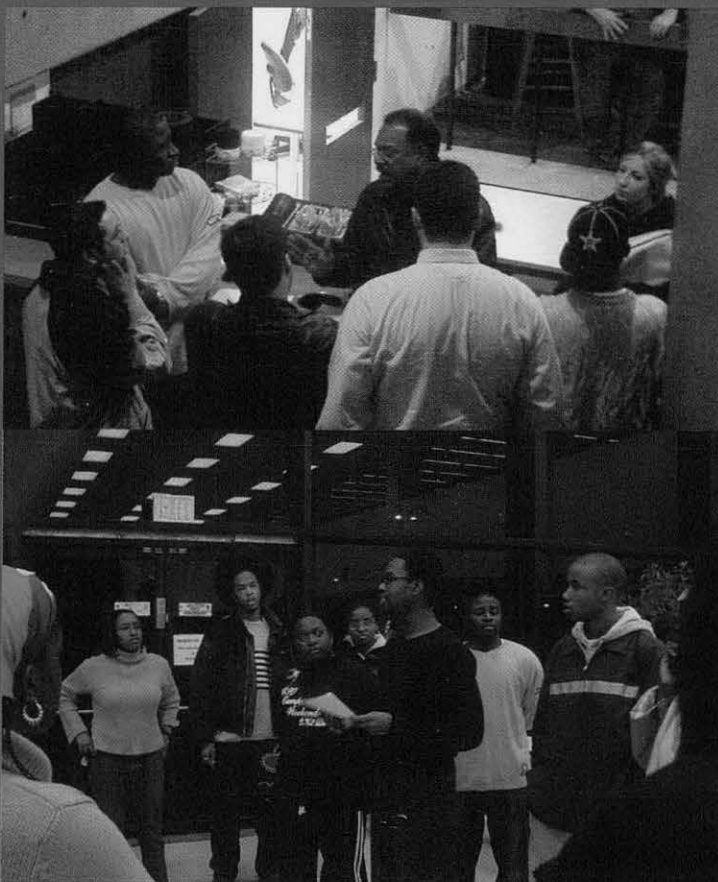


# Protesting Library Hours

Students have kept late night hours studying for as long as there have been exams to be taken. When Buff State students became frustrated with the lack of late hours at the campus library and perceived administrative foot dragging on the issue, they took action. One evening in November a significant number of students refused to leave at closing time – bringing the quick response they desired. A college administration representative showed up that evening, and within days, extended hours were announced.



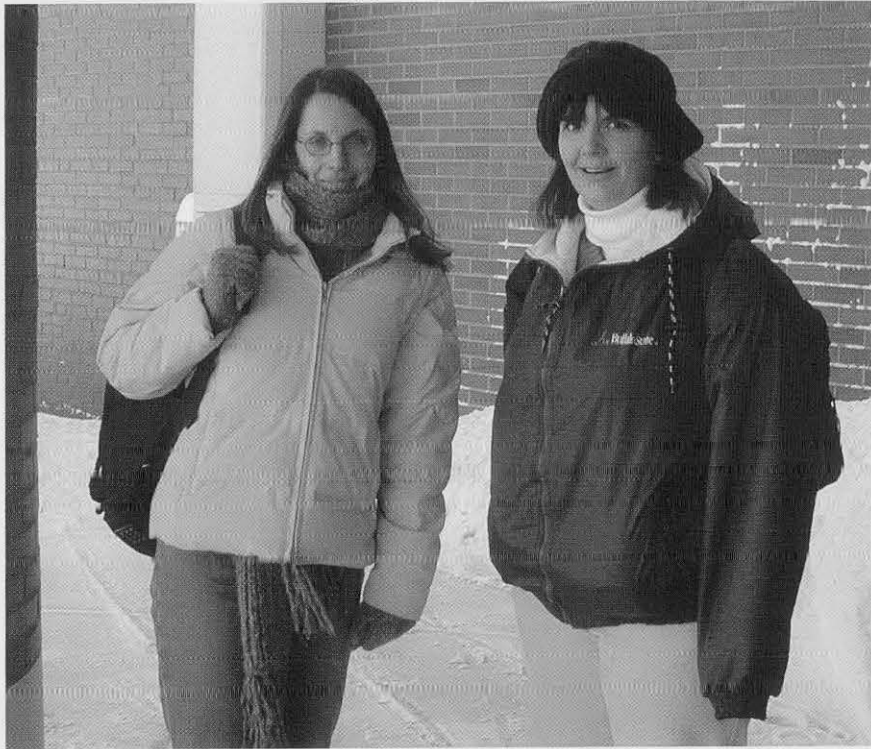
*Todd Espinosa, USG Vice president for Student Life, spoke with local media who showed up to get the story.*



*Vice President for Student Affairs Hal Payne spoke with students for an hour or so during the peaceful demonstration.*

*USG treasurer Melvin Cross (center) was one of the demonstration organizers.*

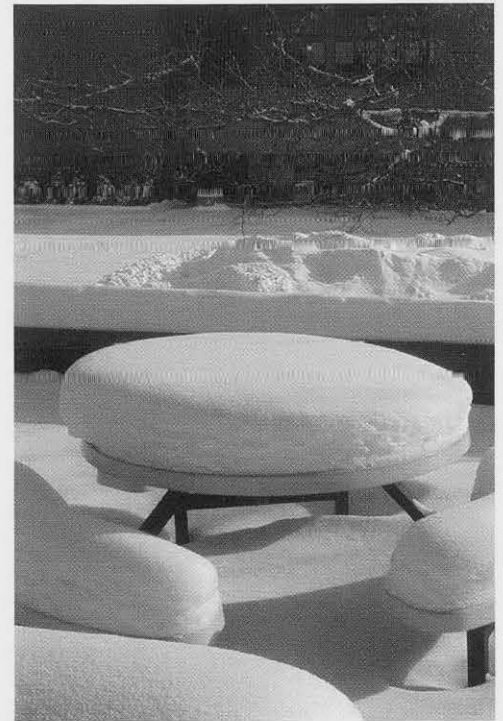




*Scarves, mittens, gloves, turtleneck sweaters, hoods, hats, boots... and a car that always starts! They're all part of surviving a Buffalo winter.*

## *Cold Snap!*

The "spring" semester started with a snap – a chilly spell that saw temperatures in the single digits for over a week. Fortunately the cold weather was not made any worse by high winds or heavy snow, and some days even saw bright sunshine turning Buffalo State into a sparkling wonderland.



*An outdoor dining table waits for warmer weather.*







*The long walk out to the parking lots can be pretty rough when the weather's bad but a little sunshine makes it more pleasant.*





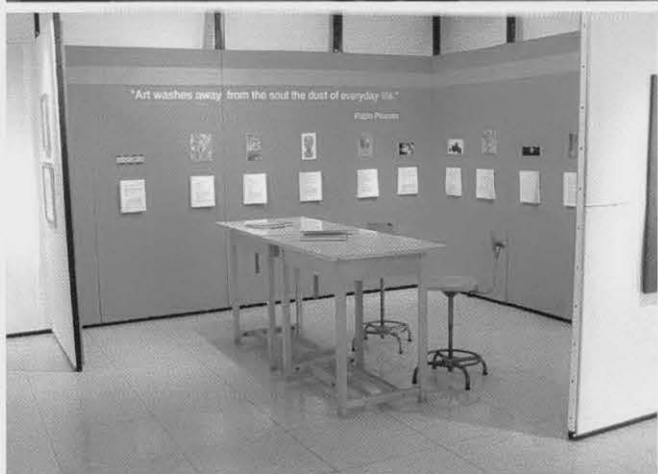
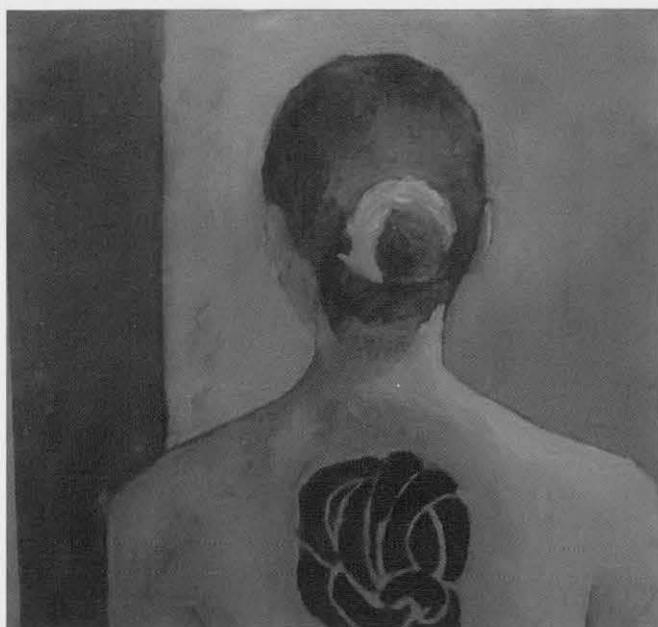
## Art Exhibition

During February and March the Upton Hall Gallery featured an exhibition of works by Art Education students. The paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, drawings, and prints were all part of various art education class projects. Titled *Expanding our Visual Horizons*, the show was juried by Gerald Mead of the Burchfield-Penney Art Center.



*Heather, a bronze sculpture  
by Kathryn J. Greene*





*At the top is an oil painting by Sean Witucki titled Study of a Woman's Back. The middle picture shows a corner of the gallery where explanations of the student's projects were posted and the bottom image is the entrance to the exhibition. The displayed text is reprinted at right.*

**"Paintings are prayers... they have to do with whatever it is that makes you want more than what daily life affords."**

**– Susan Rothenberg**

Art captures memories and ancient wonders, seeks the truth and states facts about the world, as we know it. To understand the end product, we must understand the beginning – why and how an artist creates. As you approach a work of art, look deeply and imagine the passion and inspiration the artist felt the moment they created their work.

Art recaptures culture and tradition. For example, many artists revisited ancient cultures by sculpting and kneading clay into vessels. Vermeer's painting by candlelight inspired another artist as he demonstrated the application of oils. Beauty and pain has explored and rendered in traditional and abstracted human figures. Walk through the gallery and you will see work influenced by Greek and Roman classical aesthetics, Japanese rituals, jazz music, and vast traditional landscapes. Colorful digital images catch your eyes. In their work you can see the inspiration of their teachers and wonder where Buffalo artists like Joseph Piccillo, Cindy Sherman, Ad Reinhardt and Susan Rothenberg were when they were students.

A passionate artist creates from their head, heart, and soul. Artists who teach instruct from the same passion creating a positive learning environment. As teachers we create an enriched art curriculum that encourages individual transformation through self-expression, creative exploration, technical knowledge, and cultural awareness. Young lives are enriched because of these artists who infuse love, truth, and life into everything they create. Explore the world of these artist teachers who challenge themselves to create art and enrich and instruct the lives of students in their classroom. Expand your visual horizons and explore the world of our impressive exhibition.

**–Susan M. Stack**

*And her fellow graduate students.*

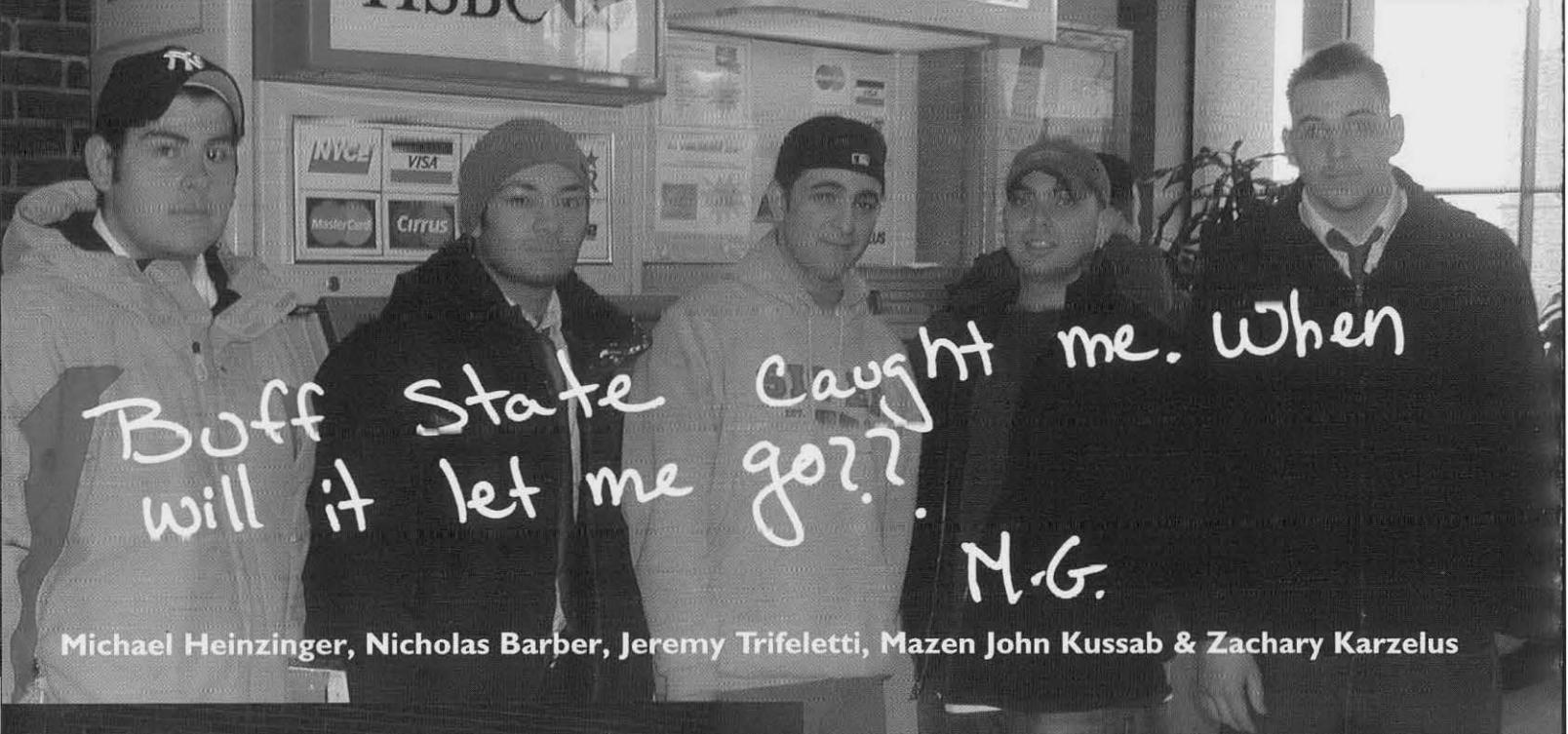




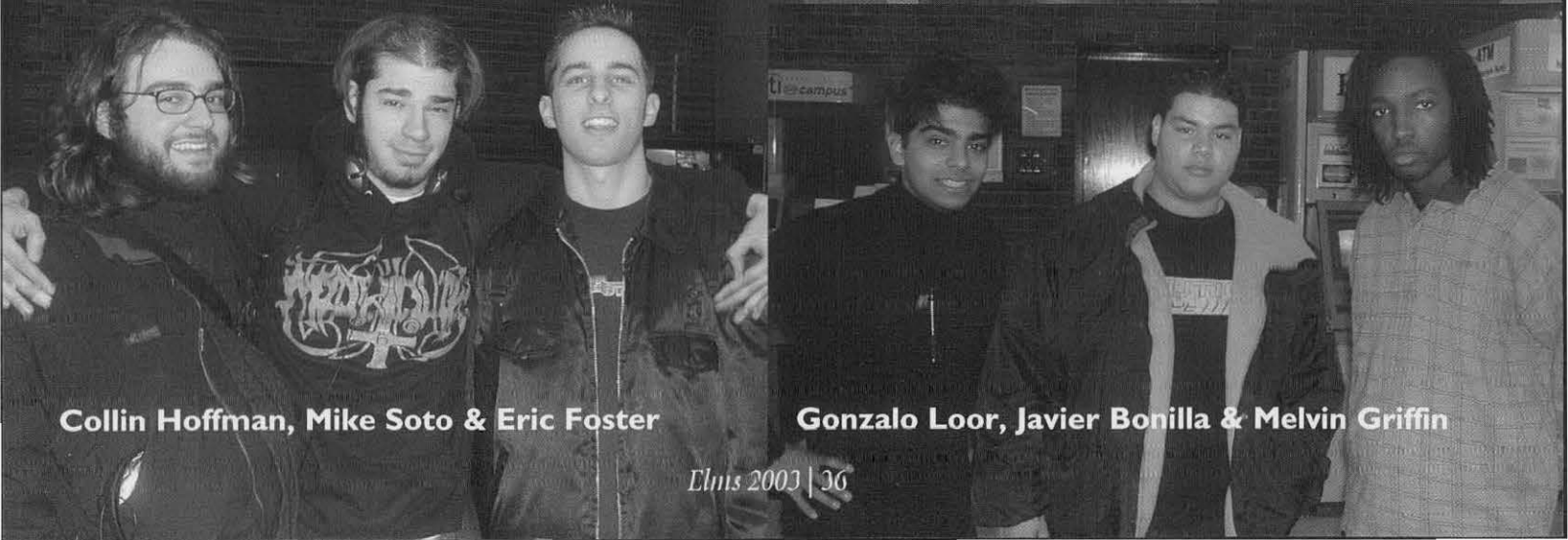
Jennifer Koenig, Jonathan Koskey & Jackie Robertson

Felicia Foster & Monique Granados

# Making Friends



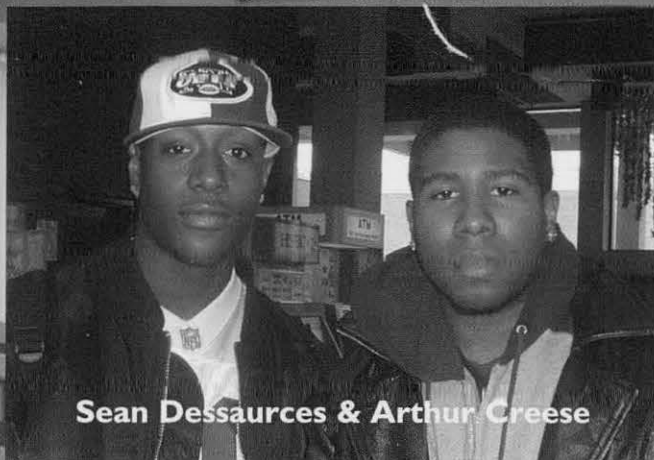
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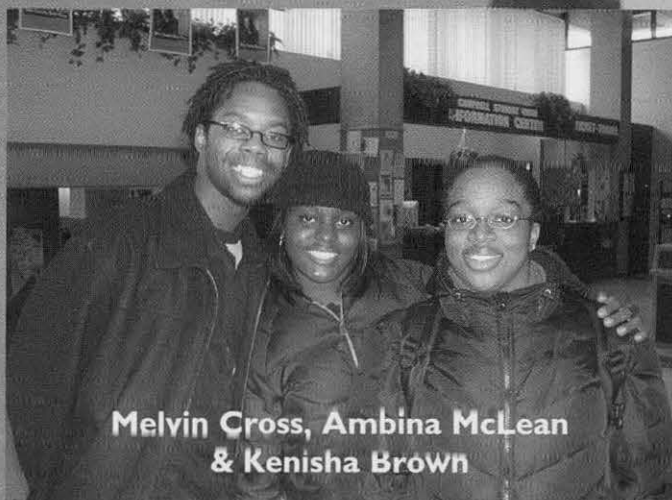


Diane Martin (right)  
and friend

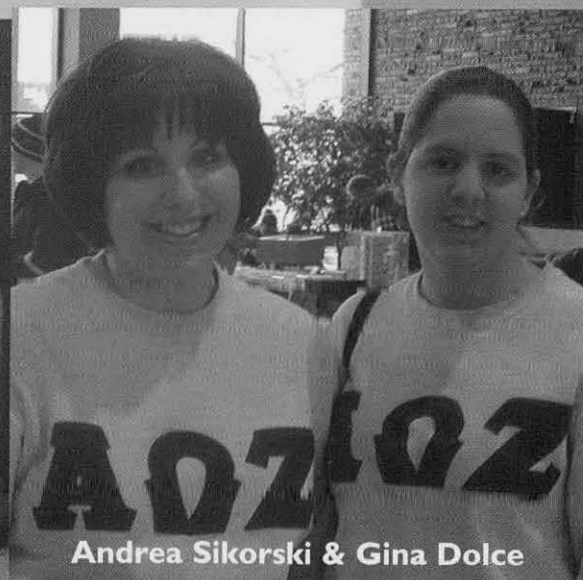
Ondrea Mack &  
Ebony McCall

I LOVE Buffalo State and the students &  
professors, they have all inspired me to  
do well

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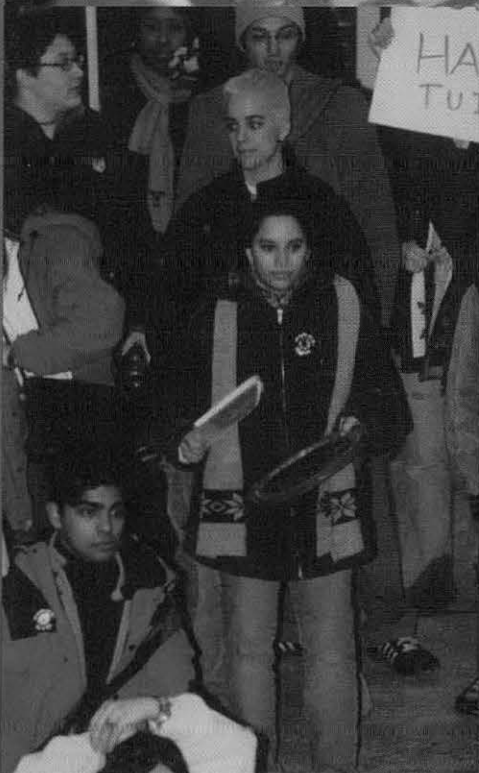


# Tuition Rallies

When the New York State Governor proposed a \$1200 tuition increase at SUNY schools it did not go over well with enrolled students. During February and March there were numerous rallies against the proposal and related budget cuts. On February 27, Buffalo State students started the 300 mile hike from Buffalo to Albany to protest the tuition increases. A week later over 75 students protested the tuition hike in front of Grover Cleveland Hall causing the administration building to go into lock-down. The student organizations pulled together to let their fellow students, faculty, staff, and media how they felt about the tuition hike and budget cuts.









# Coretta Scott King

On February 28, Mrs. Coretta Scott King spoke to a sold-out house in the Buffalo State Performing Arts Center. Many of the college's organizations pulled together to bring this distinguished speaker to the campus. Mrs. King's speech covered her involvement in the civil rights movement and described how we can all bring Dr.



Martin Luther King's dream to fruition. The speech was followed by a question-and-answer session during which the audience asked many probing questions. The next day's *Buffalo News* stated: "Speaking at Buffalo State College, King challenged her young listeners to take up many of the battles that she and her late husband had fought. 'Arise now, young people. This is your time, and the hour of your appointment has come. The torch of leadership is being passed to your generation'."

After the speech a reception was held in Mrs. King's honor in the Burchfield-Penney Art Center. At the reception our school's leaders were able to meet Mrs. King. Also, invited were essay contest winners, who were asked to describe why they wanted to meet Mrs. King. This event made people realize that Buffalo State does care about her students and their diversity.





*At the post-lecture reception Mrs. King greets visitors including students, Buffalo State administrators, and local politicians.*



*Kayla Gooden was the winner of an essay contest and won the opportunity to meet Mrs. King. She's the daughter of students Rita Jimenez-Sweat and Drew Sweat.*



*Reception guests enjoyed a hospitality table.*



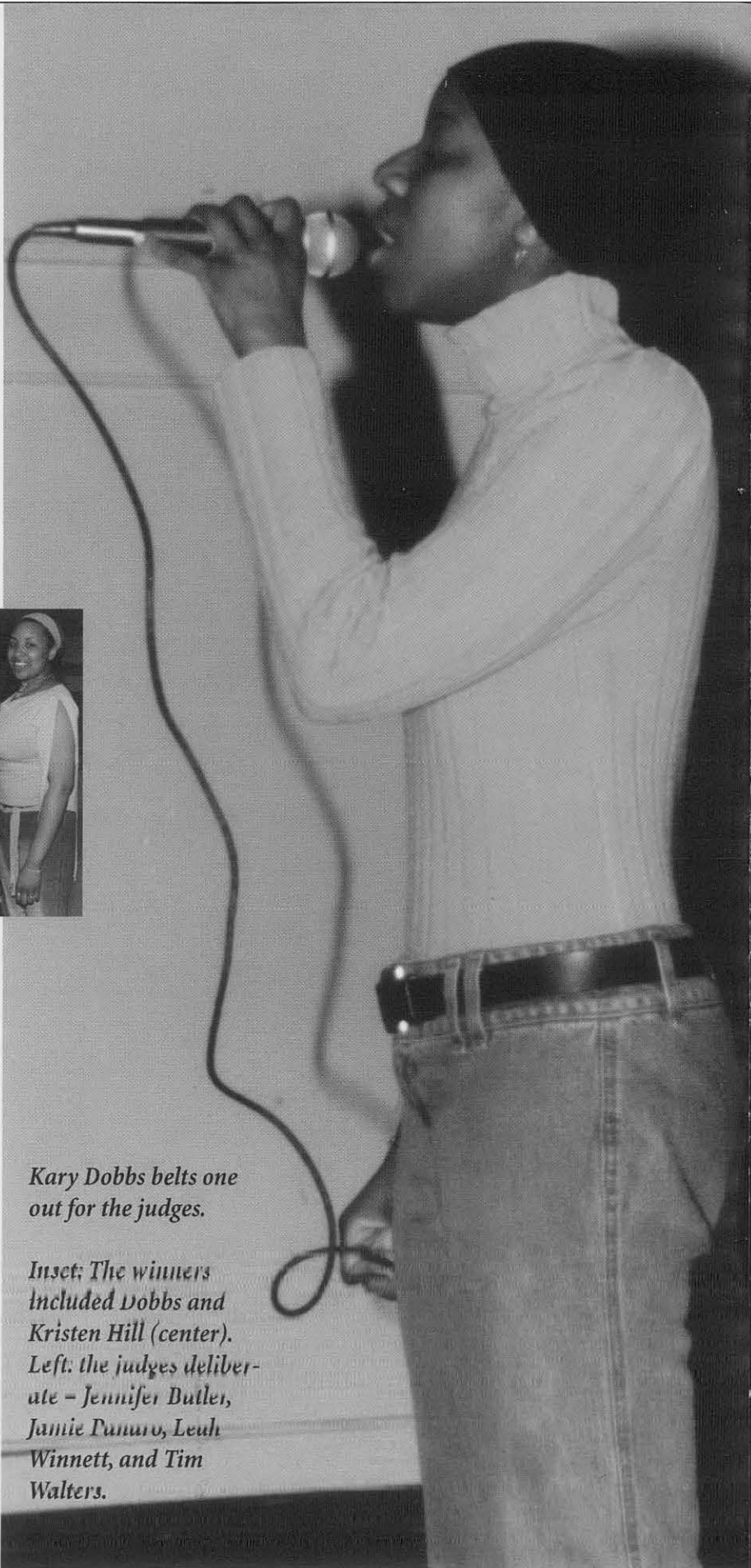
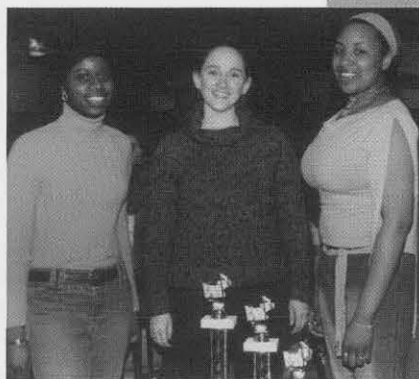
# "Idol" Contest

The recent popularity of the hit television show *American Idol* inspired Student Union Board to hold Buffalo State College's own version of the show singing contest. On February 21 Buffalo State College students auditioned in front of a panel of judges from SUB. Some contestants were cut while

others made it to the next "round."

On March 7 the Buffalo Idol competition continued, one song better than the next. The

competition was tight. The SUB panel of judges had the grueling task of picking the three winners but after much debate the winners were named.



*Kary Dobbs belts one out for the judges.*

*Inset: The winners included Dobbs and Kristen Hill (center). Left: the judges deliberate - Jennifer Butler, Jamie Panaro, Leah Winnett, and Tim Walters.*

# Dress Codes

The Fashion Association and the Career Development Center staged a show of job interview-appropriate clothing in March. The Assembly Hall was filled with people who turned out to see suits and ties from the Men's Wearhouse (along with Amvets and Salvation Army) along with dresses, skirts and suits from Talbot's. The models were all students.





# ORGANIZATIONS

*Student participation in extra-curricular clubs and organizations is what really keeps a campus lively and interesting. Over the years thousands of students have found participation in student organizations to be a valuable and enjoyable part of their college life – and often a bridge to a future professional career. These are just some of the student organizations found at Buffalo State – the ones that receive funding from the mandatory student activity fee through the United Students Government. There are also fraternities and sororities, honor societies and other academic clubs.*

## ACTIVITIES

Adelante Estudiantes Latinos  
African American Students Organization  
Asian American Students Organization  
Black Active Minds  
Caribbean Students Organization  
Casting Hall Productions  
Commuter Council  
Creativentures  
International Students Organization  
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance  
Native American Students Organization  
Non-Traditional Students Organization  
S.P.I.R.I.T. Gospel Choir  
Students In Music  
Student Union Board  
Visual Arts Board  
Wilderness Adventures

## MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS

BSC-TV 2  
Elms Yearbook  
The Record Newspaper  
WBNY 91.3fm Radio

## ACADEMIC CLUBS

Astronomy Club  
Biology Club  
Chemistry Club  
Council For Exceptional Children  
Criminal Justice Club  
Fashion Association  
Geology Club  
Health & Wellness Association  
Imaginative Sociologists  
Information Processors Association  
Math Club  
Minority Technology Students  
National Society of Minorities in Hospitality  
Physics Club  
Political Science Youth Caucus  
Psychology Club  
Public Relations Student Society of America  
Social Work Students Organization  
Students for Peace  
Technology Education Students Association  
Technology Students Association  
Vocational Education Students Association

# ORGANIZATIONS



## **United Students Government** *Executive Officers*

Seated: Mark Corcoran, Vice President; Steve LoBello, President; Melvin Cross, Treasurer.

Standing: Bruce Parson, Rules; Kamal Jefferson, Athletics; Todd Espinosa, Student Life; Tara Redmond, Pro Tem; Pilar Larancuent, Secretary; Ari Silverstein, Community Relations; Kwabena Boakye, Academics; Shawn Lavin, Vice Treasurer.



**USG Senate** Standing: Alan Hall, Paula Incardona, Jamie Panaro, Abby Maxian, Melinda Eden, Ruth Jean, Roger Lishnoff, Shannon Crowley, Meghan Blake, Latisha Flood, Tim Walters. Sitting: Scott Peasland, Tara Redmond, Peggy Purcell, Savoye Watts, Sherelle Baize.



# ORGANIZATIONS



## The RECORD

*The official student newspaper at Buffalo State.*

Top row: Tim Marren, Bryan Sullivan, Struthy Kuruvilla, Gabe Armstrong, Carly Peterson.

Front: Sara Woodworth, Colleen Smith, Sean McGarry, Jesse Gaddis.



## WBNY

*The official student radio station.*

Dan Organ, Michaela Phetteplace, Sheryl Beck, Jackie Curto, Jenny Beck, Amy Roonski, Jeff Chapman, Leah Gramza, Jesse Buckner



## BSC-TV2

*Student television productions.*

Back row: Aaron McPherson, Tony Snyder, Kareem Favours, Audra Koldczak.

Front: Robert, Mike, Shavonne Dixon, Edward Griffith, Roxanne, Lyndsay Barbato, Kate Fisher.

# ORGANIZATIONS



## **Student Union Board**

*Student-run entertainment at Buffalo State.*

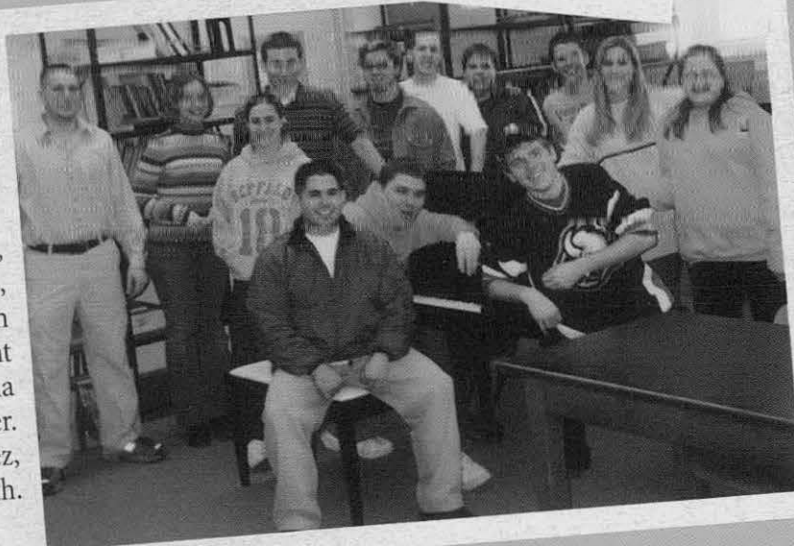
Top: Chris Ring, Jim Waterman, Diana Barun, Brooke Karnisky.  
Middle: Heather Esmond, Kristen Hamner, Rachel Ferrari, Melissa Coppola, Amanda Hawley, Tim Walters.  
Front: Jamie Panaro, Jacalyn Palmiotto, Jennifer Butler, Leah Winnett.



## **Students In Music**

*Advancing the talents of student musicians.*

Standing: Russ Morgan, Beth Eising, Nancy Villa, Christopher Parana, Tim Lipps, Steven Mosely, Brent Minet, Michael Klein, Johna Johnson, Alison Walter.  
Sitting: Hadrian Hernandez, Paul Siekierski, Brad Smith.



## **S.P.I.R.I.T**

*Gospel Choir*

*Students Performing In Rhythm & In Truth*



# ORGANIZATIONS



**Caribbean Students Organization**

**Students  
For Peace**



**Omicron  
Delta  
Kappa  
Honor  
Society  
Circle**  
*National  
Leadership  
Honor Society*

Established at Buffalo  
State College on  
November 17, 2002

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Student Council for Exceptional Children

*Executive Officers*  
Standing left to right:  
Andrea Rios, Gemainque Tolve,  
Pam Szefer, Tiana Elliot



**Best Buddies** provides an opportunity for college students to matched in a one-on-one friendship with individuals who have an intellectual disability. Best Buddies is new to Buffalo State. They have worked closely with the Transition Program and People Inc.



# FACULTY & STAFF

## College-Based Transition Program

The College-Based Transition Program (CBTP) is a program for young adults with significant disabilities who wish to continue their learning on a college campus. It is a partnership of Buffalo State College, the Buffalo Public Schools, and People, Inc. to meet the needs for alternative programs for post-high school students with developmental disabilities.

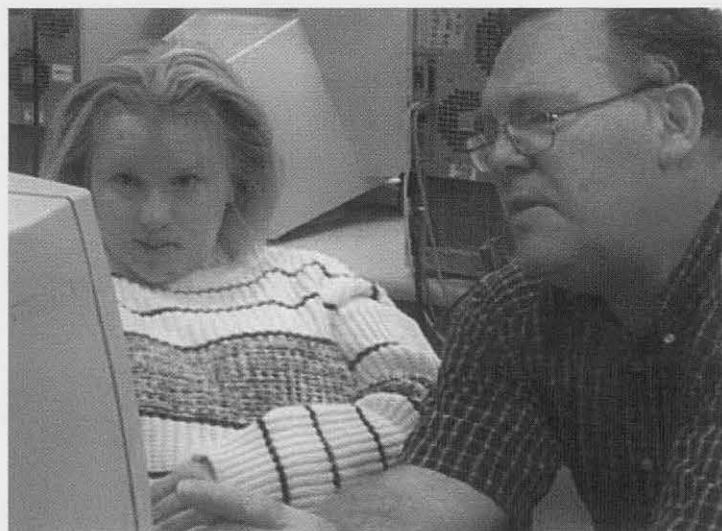
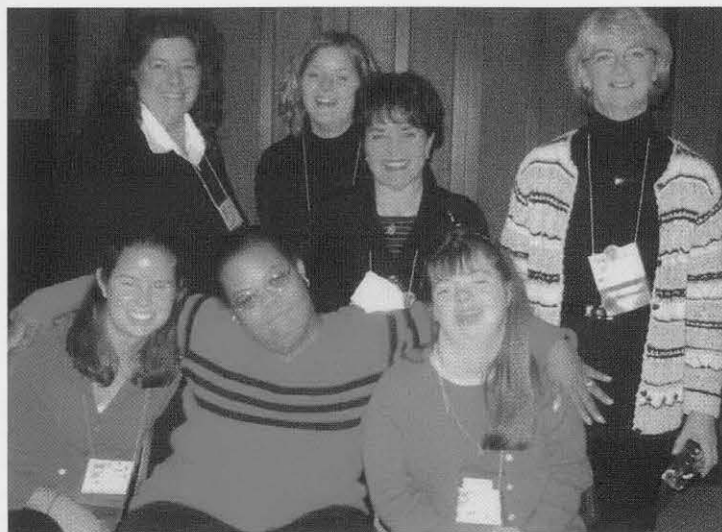
*"Thank you to everyone – students, administrators, faculty and staff – for making Buffalo State College such a wonderful place for us to learn and grow. Special thanks goes to the professors who have so generously allowed us to audit their classes and to the many volunteers who have helped us to adapt the curriculum."*

From students and staff of the College-Based Transition Program, a partnership of Buffalo State College, Buffalo Public Schools, People Inc., and Parents for Public Schools.

*Top picture: (left to right standing) Mary Lou Vaughan, Alison Hartman, Lynne Sommerstein, Charlotte Vogelsang (left to right sitting) Anne Collier, Engelic Everett, Keller Vogelsang*

*Middle: (left to right) Josh Miller and Keller Vogelsang*

*Bottom: (left to right) Colleen Hari and Professor Jim Lydon - CIS 101*



# FACULTY & STAFF

## Buffalo State College Administration

**President Muriel Howard**



**Provost  
& Vice President  
Gary Marotta**





# FACULTY & STAFF

## Student Life

The Office of Student Life creates educationally purposeful experiences for students that promote involvement, learning, and success. Recognizing the potential for growth and learning in all facets of campus life.

*Hector Gil, Assistant Director of student Life*



## International Student Affairs

International Student Affairs offers assistance to students from abroad with academic, cultural, and legal needs.

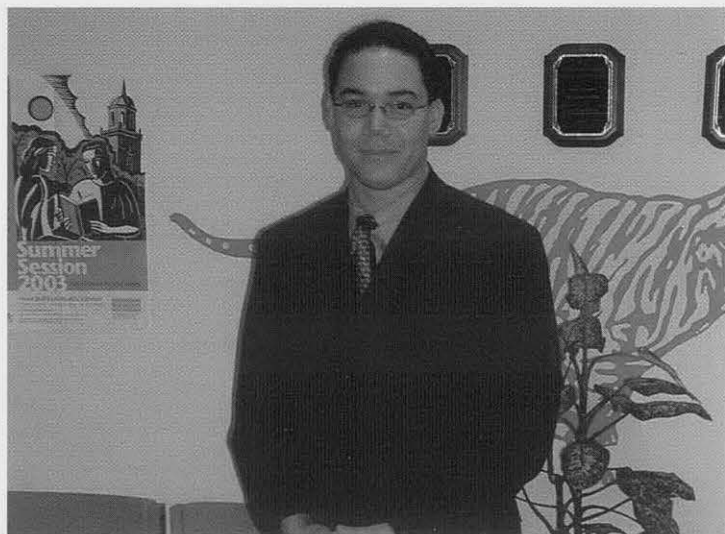
*Left to Right: Wendy Guzman, Danielle Johnson, Dr. J.F. Gournard, Michelle Downey, Aya Nakajima*



## Minority Student Services

The Minority Student Services office provides programs and services for African American, Caribbean, Latino and Native American students that promote holistic excellence in the physical, intellectual, social, occupational, spiritual and emotional areas of their lives. The office supports the building of campus community by fostering the understanding and appreciation of diversity and multiculturalism.

*Daniel C. Velez, Coordinator,  
Latino/Caribbean Student Services.*



# FACULTY & STAFF



## Weigel Health Center

The Weigel Health Center, open to all Buffalo State students, provides a variety of health care services. Among these services are the promotion of general health and wellness, and treatment of injury and illness.

*Sandra Brown, Family Nurse Practitioner*



## Buffalo State Bookstore

The bookstore is affiliated with the Barnes & Noble chain. They have the atmosphere of a commercial bookstore along with the traditional settings of a college store. Also located in the bookstore is Java City – a great place to sip some coffee and read a book.

*Kathy Hanaka, assistant manager &  
Cathy Broomfield, cash office supervisor*



## Residence Life

Residence Life supports, complements, and enhances the academic mission of the College through its provision of a dynamic residential life program that encourages and provides opportunities for individual growth and development for a diverse residential population.

*Pamela Paas, secretary for Office of the Associate VP for  
Residence Life and Auxiliary Services*



# FACULTY & STAFF

## University Police Department

*Officer D. Christman and  
Dispatcher H. Gorko  
empty a parking meter.*



## Elementary Education and Reading

Elementary Education and Reading programs at Buffalo State College prepare students to become knowledgeable, reflective members of the teaching profession whether at the undergraduate or graduate level of study.

*Left to Right: Cory Mabry, work study student,  
and Deanna Hageman.*



## Exceptional Education

Buffalo State has one of the oldest and largest teacher preparation programs in special education in the country. The skills, knowledge and competencies identified in professional, accreditation, and state standards for special educators guide the foundation of course offerings and program development.

*Dr. Maureen Smith in class*



# FACULTY & STAFF

## Child Care Center

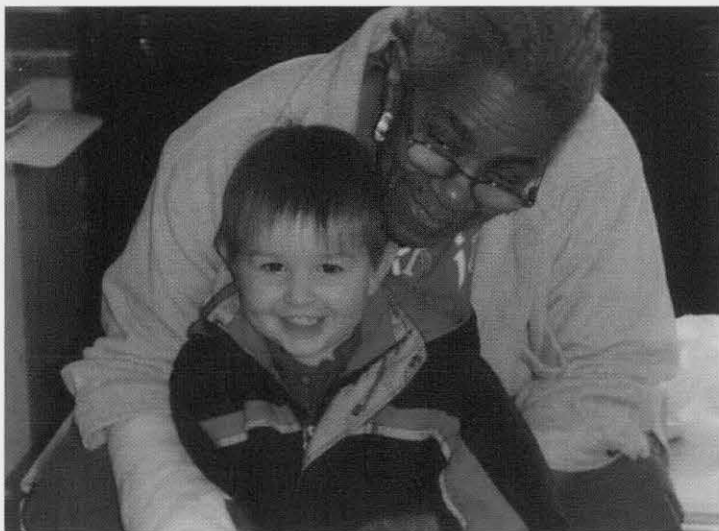
The Buffalo State College Child Care Center has been in existence for thirty years, and is located in the Buckham Campus West School on the campus of Buffalo State College. They provide quality, affordable child care services for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years. During the summer, they also run a school age program for children between the ages of 6 to 12 years.

They provide a safe, predictable environment for each child so they may develop their social, emotional, cognitive and physical abilities. They believe the activities children are engaged in should be appropriate for their age, and address their different stages of development.

*Pictured at top: Juliet Larzski, Head Teacher of the four-year-old room*

*Middle: Martha Cunningham, Teacher of the Senior Toddler Room with Christopher Urban*

*Bottom: Crystal Clarke in the Senior Infants Room*







## **The Bengals Intercollegiate Athletics**

Buffalo State has a long tradition of competition in intercollegiate sports. As today's athletes and students walk through the halls of the Sports Arena they can see the faces and read the accomplishments of those who have gone before them. The various 2002-2003 Bengal teams had their share of successes and disappointments but the athletes representing Buffalo State never failed to uphold the pride and competitive spirit of past Bengal squads.

## SOFTBALL

Buffalo State entered this season in the second year of its rebuilding process since losing 11 players from the team that won the Bengals' third SUNYAC championship in 2000. With no seniors, just three juniors, nine sophomores and four freshmen, the Bengals embarked on 2002 with a sense of optimism and uncertainty.

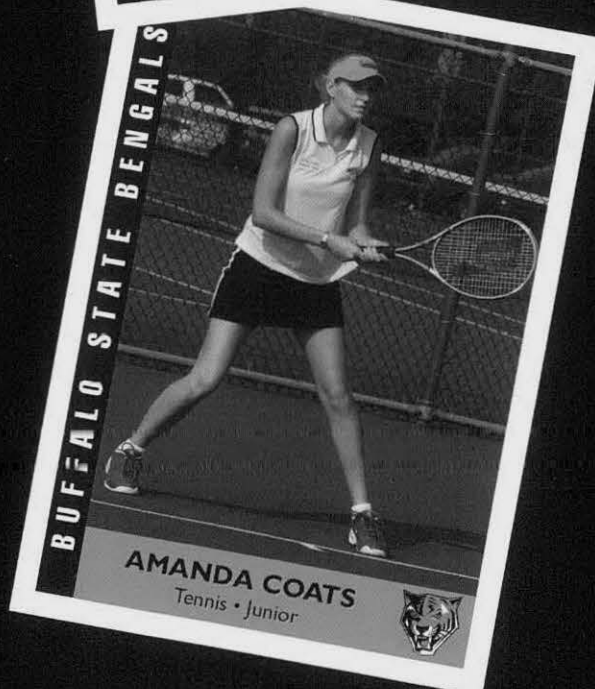
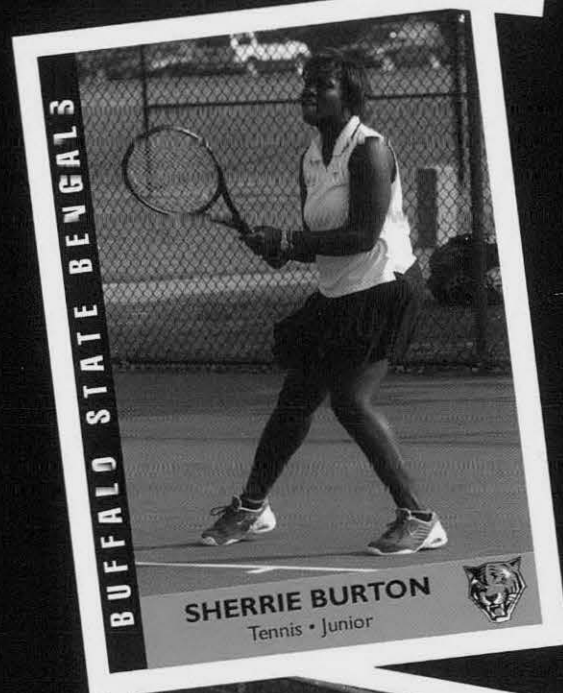
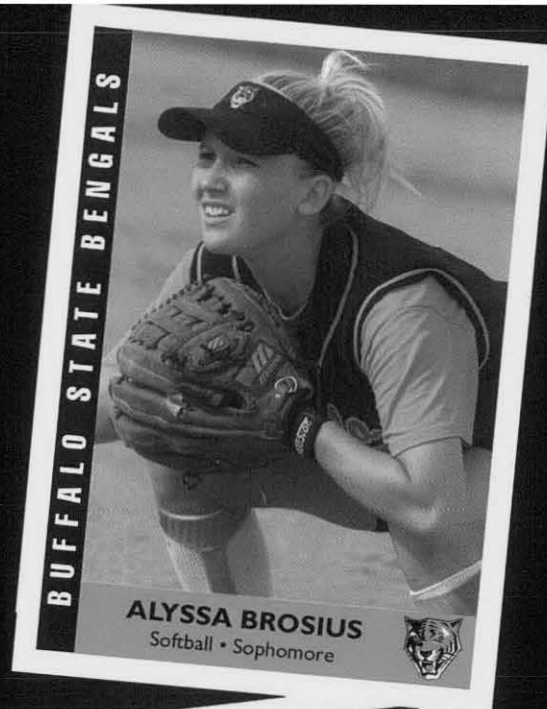
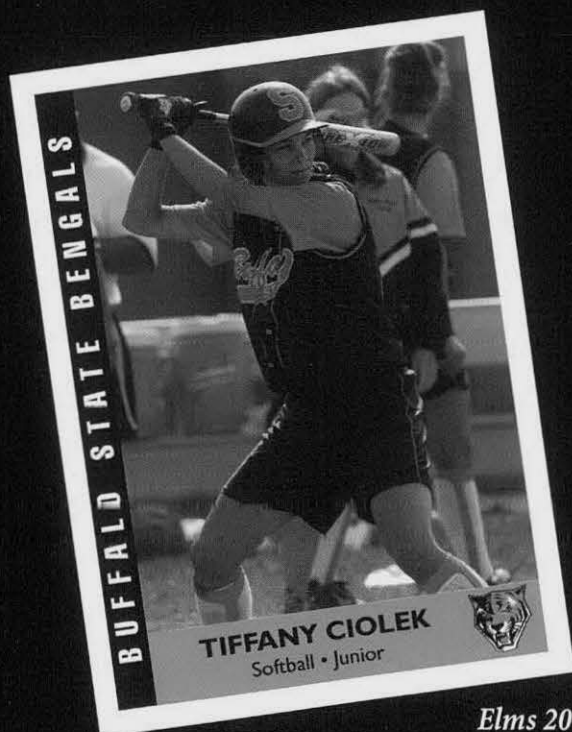
The Bengals looked to find some answers as they began the season on their annual spring trip in Ft. Myers, Florida. The team took little time earning its first, and Coach Sandra Hollander's 300th career win, defeating Middlebury 9-7 to open the season. Buffalo State also defeated Division II Hillsdale, but closed the 10-game southern swing with a 4-6 record.

When returning north, Buffalo State had an additional opponent to battle in the weather. During one of the coldest and wettest Aprils in memory, Buffalo State sandwiched six and eight game winning streaks around a couple of critical series sweeps by Geneseo and Oneonta. Included in the Bengals victories were a pair of wins over Fredonia and a dramatic sweep at Plattsburgh where Buffalo State scored a total of 21 runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Buffalo State failed to play consistent softball down the stretch however, as it entered the playoffs as the SUNYAC's fifth seed with a 13-7 record. In the opening game, the Bengals fell behind to Cortland 5-0 in the second inning, but rallied to take a 7-6 lead. The Red Dragons manage to tie the game and force extra innings, and eventually claimed an 8-7 win. Facing elimination, Buffalo State met the top-seeded host, Geneseo. Again, Buffalo State fell behind early, allowing three runs in the first inning, and never got back in the contest, as the season ended with an 8-4 loss and a 19-17 overall record.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Buffalo State carried just seven players on its 2002 roster, as it posted a 1-10 regular season record and finished in a tie for eighth place of 10 teams at the SUNYAC Championships. The Bengals opened the season with seven consecutive losses that saw just two individual victories. Buffalo State notched its lone win of the season at Oswego, by a 5-4 score, despite forfeiting a sixth singles and third doubles. The team was unable to capitalize on the momentum, however, as it dropped the final four matches of the year.





## MEN'S SOCCER

Buffalo State made significant strides this season to establish itself as a team to be reckoned with in the SUNYAC. A lack of timely scoring led to several disappointing defeats, however, as the Bengals finished the 2002 season 5-11-2 overall while posting a 2-7 mark in conference play.

After an 11-0 dismantling of D'Youville to open the season, the Bengals traveled to the Blue Marlin Classic at Virginia Wesleyan. After falling in the tourney opener to the host team, Buffalo State responded with a 1-0 victory over Guilford. Buffalo State started the SUNYAC season with a pair of 1-0 losses at Brockport and Geneseo, but was able to even its conference record to 2-2 when it swept a home weekend set with New Paltz and SUNYIT. The Bengals would not find the win column again in its final five conference contest, before closing out the campaign with a 4-1 victory over NATA school Dacoma.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Buffalo State finished Head Coach Nick DeMarsh's first season with a 6-12-1 overall record and a 2-7-1 mark in SUNYAC play. After opening the season with a victory over Hilbert, the Bengals struggled to produce offense, as they dropped six straight decisions. Buffalo State got back on the winning track with a conference victory over SUNYIT, and then defeated Cazenovia the following day. After a three-game skid, Buffalo State closed the season 3-3-1 with wins over Potsdam, D'Youville and Pitt-Bradford and a 0-0 tie at Fredonia.

Freshman sensation Gina Monaco exploded onto the scene, as she led the conference in scoring with 20 goals and 45 points and set new Buffalo State records for goals and points in a season. She was selected to the All-SUNYAC Honorable Mention Team. Junior Amy Drozen also landed in the record books as her 13 assists set a new school best, and she moved to the top of Buffalo State's all-time assists chart with 24 in her career.

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**AMY DROZEN**  
Soccer • Junior



BUFFALO STATE BENGALS



**KEVIN SENATOR**  
Soccer • Freshman



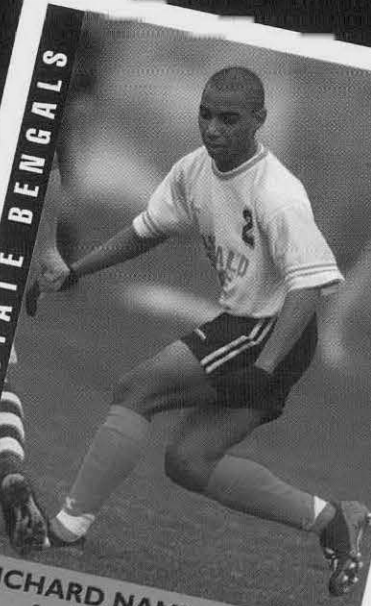
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**GINA MONACO**  
Soccer • Freshman



BUFFALO STATE BENGALS



**RICHARD NAMULALA**  
Soccer • Sophomore



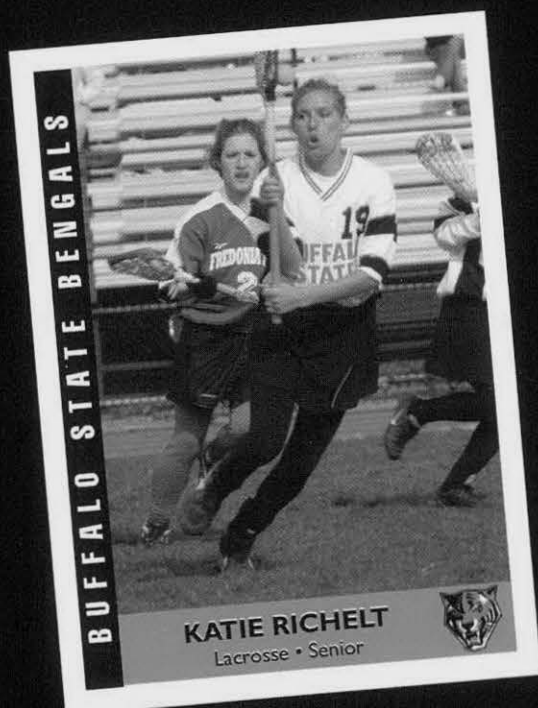
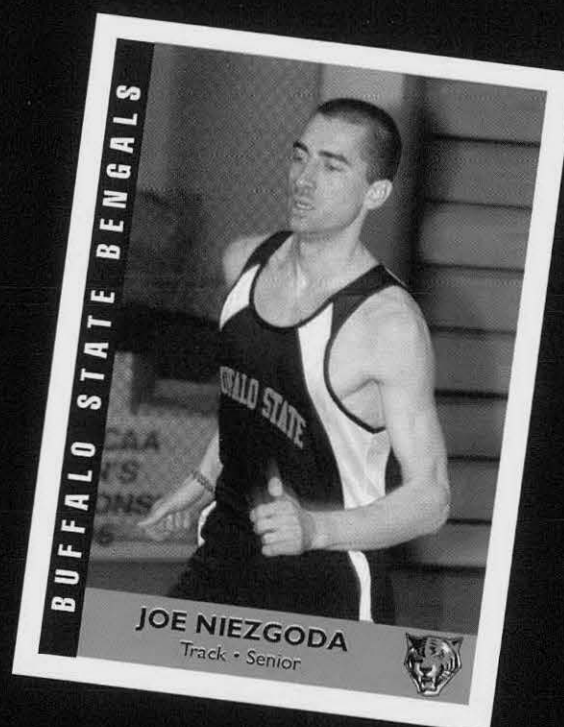
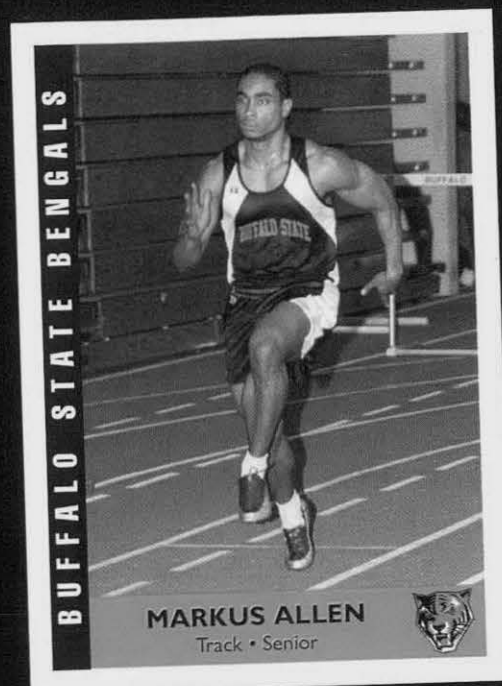
## TRACK AND FIELD

Buffalo State's teams competed admirably throughout the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons. The men's squad posted an impressive third-place showing at the SUNYAC Indoor Championship, marking the highest finish for the men's indoor team in a major competition since finishing third in the 1982-83 New York State Collegiate Track & Field Association Championships. In the SUNYAC Outdoor Championships, the Bengal men earned another third place finish and the women placed eighth. The next week, at the NYSCTC Outdoor Finals, the men's team placed seventh out of 14 teams and the women tied for 13th place.

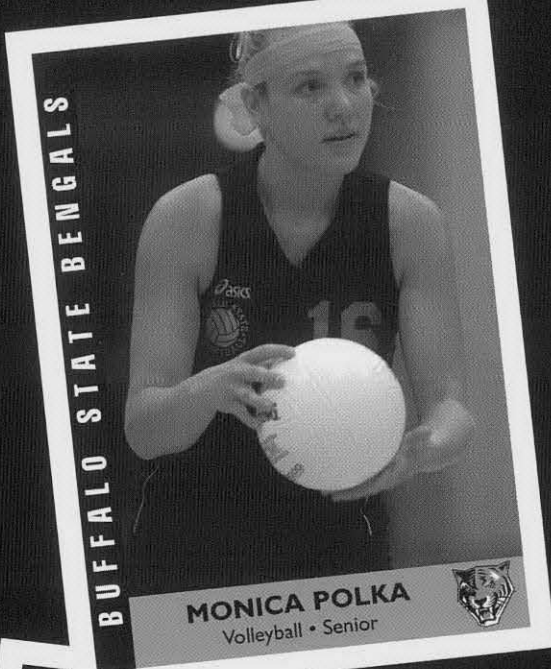
First-year Head Coach Eugene Lewis relied heavily on his team's strengths, a talented group of sprinters and field athletes, to earn points in competitions. The sprinters responded by posting impressive results. Led by senior Co-Athlete of the Year Markus Allen, Buffalo State secured numerous first-place finishes and earned several SUNYAC and NYSCTC individual championships. During the indoor season, Allen placed first in the 55M dash four times and won the SUNYAC and NYSCTC Championship. Allen also recorded two first-place finishes in the 200M dash and secured another NYSCTC title for the Bengals. In the outdoor season, Allen continued his dominance, as he captured both the 100M and 200M SUNYAC titles and placed first in those events four times.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

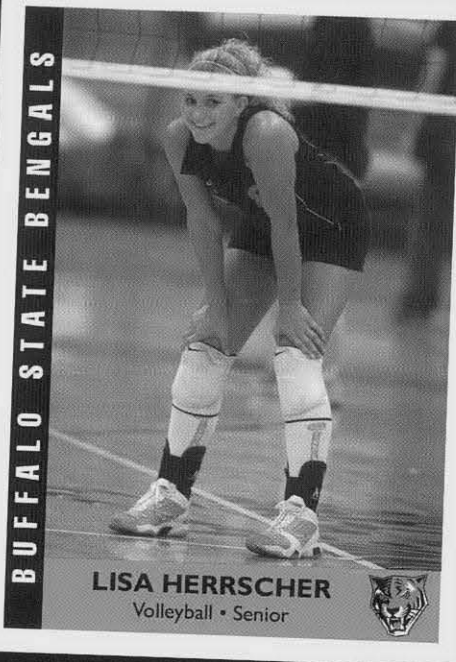
Buffalo State set 12 school records during the 2002 season, including most wins, as the Bengals posted a 4-9 overall record. Buffalo State finished tied for seventh in the SUNYAC with a 1-6 conference mark. After opening the season with seven-consecutive losses, Buffalo State embarked on a three-game winning streak, the longest in school history. After defeating Medaille 16-8, the Bengals earned a 5-4 conference win over Potsdam. The streak culminated with a 13-1 victory over visiting Cazenovia. After a pair of road losses, the Bengals concluded the season with a 16-0 victory over Hilbert at Coyer Field, marking the first shutout in school history.



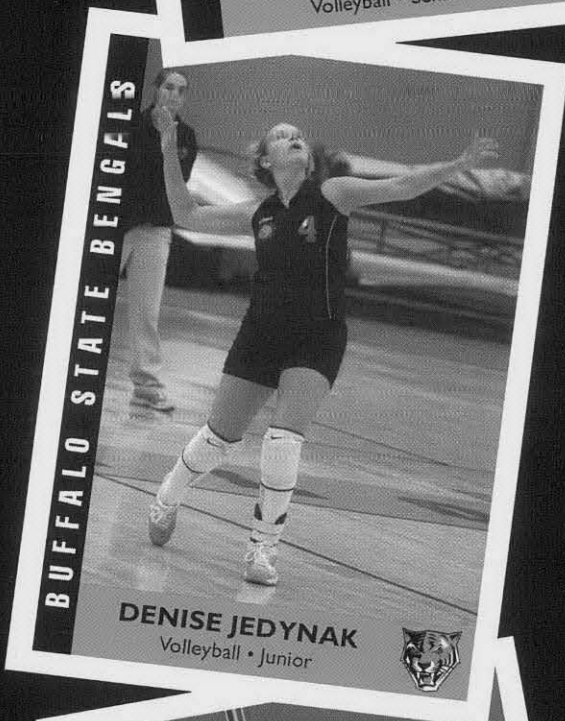




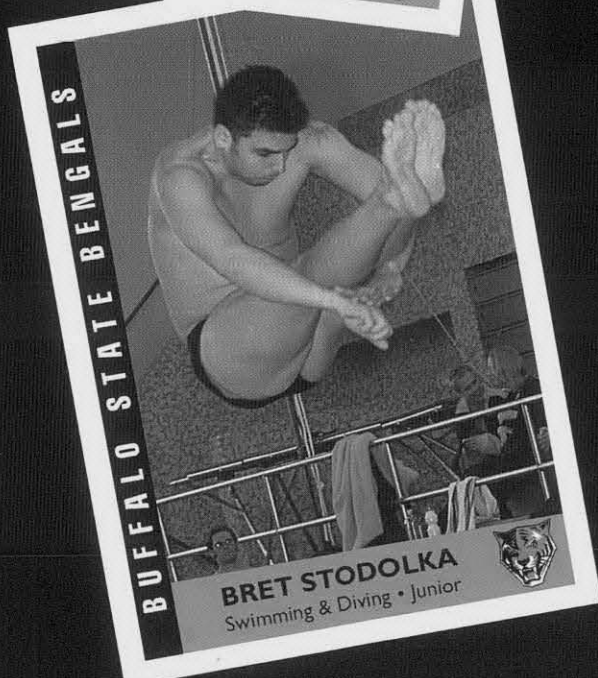
**MONICA POLKA**  
Volleyball • Senior



**LISA HERRSCHER**  
Volleyball • Senior



**DENISE JEDYNAK**  
Volleyball • Junior



**BRET STODOLKA**  
Swimming & Diving • Junior



## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Buffalo State qualified for the SUNYAC playoffs for the second-straight season and finished with a 23-12 overall record. After a 0-3 start at the Franklin & Marshall Invitational, the Bengals roared back, winning 20 of its next 25 matches. Included in that stretch of dominance were titles at the North Country, Hiram and Rowan Invitationals and victories over rivals Brockport, Geneseo and St. John Fisher. Buffalo State recorded a 5-3 SUNYAC regular season record and advanced to the conference quarterfinals before falling to eventual runner-up Cortland.

Monica Polka finished her career owning nearly every offensive record at Buffalo State, including most attacks, kills, and aces in a season and career. The middle hitter was named the SUNYAC West Player of the Year for the second straight season. Junior setter Krista Wierzbicki also garnered conference recognition earning honorable mention status as she became just the second Bengals to surpass 1,000 assists in a season with 1,110. She moved into first place on the school's all-time list for assists with 2,509.

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

A pair of freshmen swimmers and a solid core of divers led Buffalo State's young swimming and diving teams during the 2002-03 season.

The men's and women's teams both showed significant progress throughout the campaign, but the most noticeable performances down the stretch were submitted by rookies Ashley Myers and Rich Gaczewski. Myers broke a Buffalo State record in the 100 Back at the SUNYAC Championship swimming 1:04.17. She also factored in on five top-eight finishes at the conference meet and helped earn 114 of the Bengals 211 points. Gaczewski was also a workhorse for Buffalo State, as he was part of four top-eight finishes and helped grab 105 of the Bengals 218 points.

Four divers also played significant roles at the SUNYAC Championship helping the men place sixth overall and the women finish seventh. Juniors Bret Stodolka and Tommy Schilke each placed in the top-eight on both boards. On the women's side, sophomore Susanna Lehmann earned a pair of sixth place finishes and freshman Sarah Krawczyk also placed in the top-eight on the three-meter board.

## FOOTBALL

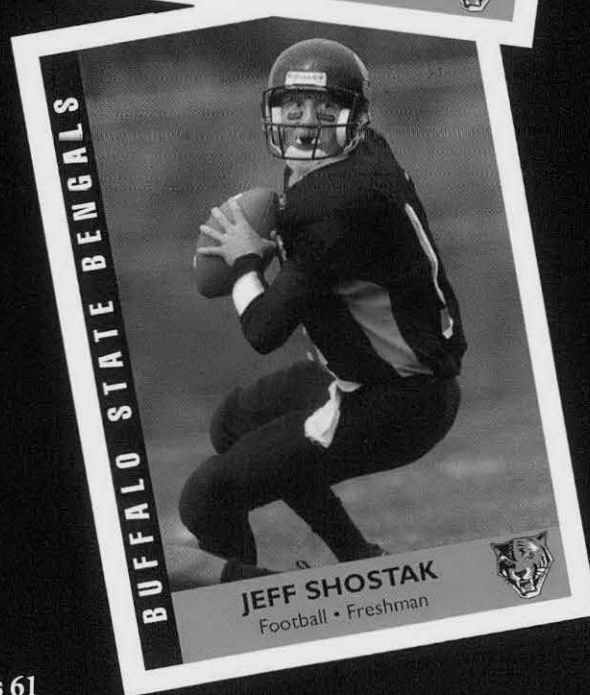
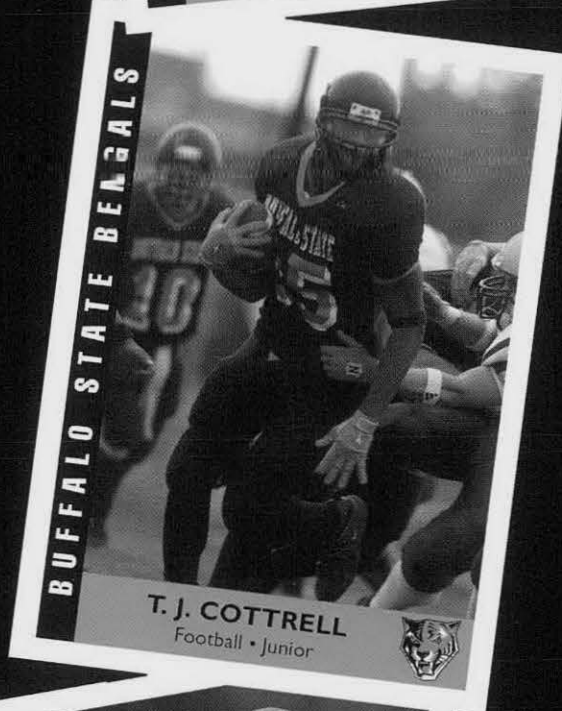
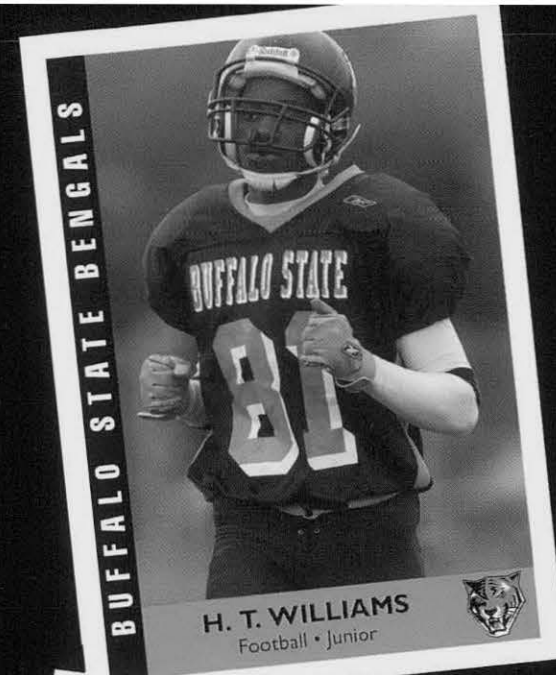
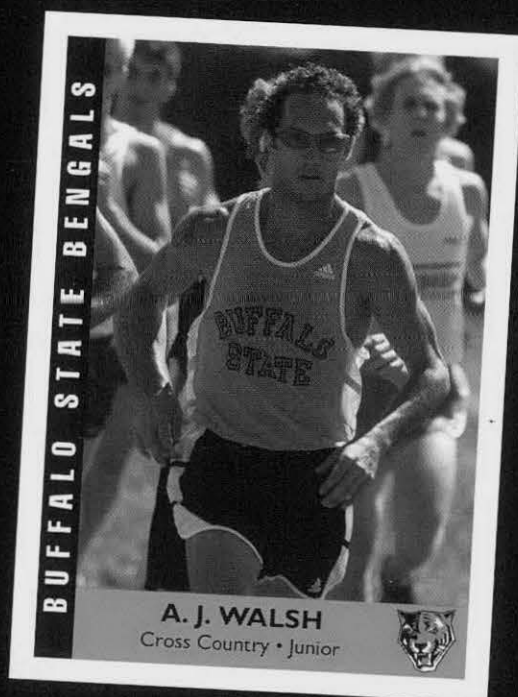
After a string of 11-consecutive winning seasons and 10-straight postseason appearances was snapped in 2001, Buffalo State entered its second season under Head Coach Bob Swank in an unfamiliar rebuilding phase. In a season full of momentum swings, the Bengals finished with a 1-9 overall record.

After an opening day loss at Division I-AA Robert Morris, Buffalo State opened its home schedule hosting Division II Mansfield. The Bengals fell behind 20-13 early in the second half, but found the end-zone with just 6:17 remaining in the contest with a chance to knot the score. A second missed extra point left the Bengals trailing 20-19, however. Buffalo State continued to battle and attempted a 21-yard field goal for the win on the game's final play, but failed to convert. After losing its next four contests, including games against rivals Brockport and Rowan, Buffalo State finally had reason to celebrate as it opened up a 21-point lead and held on for a 21-14 home victory over Montclair State. The Bengals would drop their final three contests against Case Western, Ithaca and Washington & Jefferson.

## CROSS COUNTRY

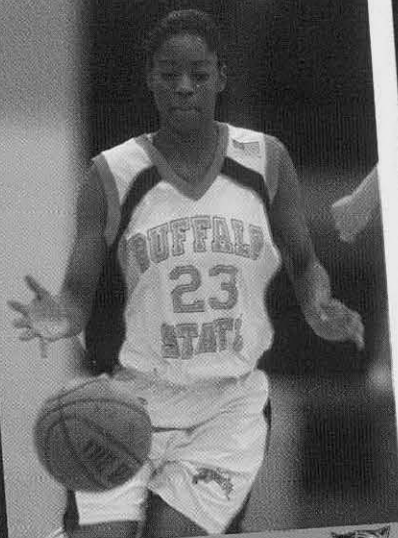
Buffalo State's men's and women's cross country teams were plagued by inconsistency this season. The women's team made significant strides as it placed in a tie for fourth place at SUNYACs, while the men finished sixth.

The women's team created a buzz early in the season when it earned a first place finish at the Hobart and William & Smith Invitational. After tying for fourth at the SUNYAC Championships in Fredonia, the Bengals placed ninth of 15 teams at the NYSCTC Championships at Oswego and then finished 17th of 29 at the NCAA Regionals at the College of New Jersey. The men's team placed second at the Hobart Invite and fourth at St. Lawrence. After a strong showing at SUNYACs, the Bengals were disappointed with a 10th place finish at the New York State meet and then claimed 17th of 33 teams at regionals.





BUFFALO STATE BENGALS



**MONIQUE HANKS**  
Basketball • Junior



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Buffalo State recorded a 19-9 overall record, and returned to the top of the SUNYAC in 2002-03, winning its 17th SUNYAC Championship, and first since 1997. The Bengals also earned the school's 18th bid to the NCAA playoffs.

After opening the season with a loss Buffalo State regrouped to win its next four games before slipping to 4-3 overall. The team finally began to gel, and ripped off 10 wins in its next 11 games, posting a 9-1 start in conference play. The Bengals entered the SUNYAC playoffs with an 11-5 record and the conference's third seed.

The team easily dismissed Fredonia, 81-64, in the first round of the playoffs earning the right to advance to the "final four" at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. In the semifinals, the Bengals outlasted second seeded Oswego, 67-62. Buffalo State dismantled upstart eight-seeded New Paltz in the finals, as it never trailed en route to a 73-40 victory.

Buffalo State traveled to Scranton (Pennsylvania) for the first round of the NCAA playoffs. The Bengals found themselves trailing by 11 points at the intermission but rallied in the second half. They led by a single point with 41 seconds to play but three free throws by the Royals in the closing seconds sealed the Bengals fate and Buffalo State fell 58-56.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Buffalo State posted its 22nd winning season in the past 23 years during the 2002-03 season with an 18-9 overall record, and advanced to the SUNYAC Tournament for the 20th straight time.

Struggling to find its identity early in the season, the Bengals opened the year with a 5-1 record before winning six of its next seven games. Buffalo State suffered a slight setback losing a pair of conference games, but regrouped again to close the regular season by winning seven of its final eight contests.

The Bengals entered the SUNYAC tournament as the second seed with a 12-4 conference record, and hosted Oswego in the first round. Marking the seventh meeting in the past two seasons between the two teams, the game ended as the previous six had, with Buffalo State claiming victory, 63-48. The Bengals season would come to a close in the semifinals, however, as they could not overcome a cold shooting day, and fell to Brockport 50-36.

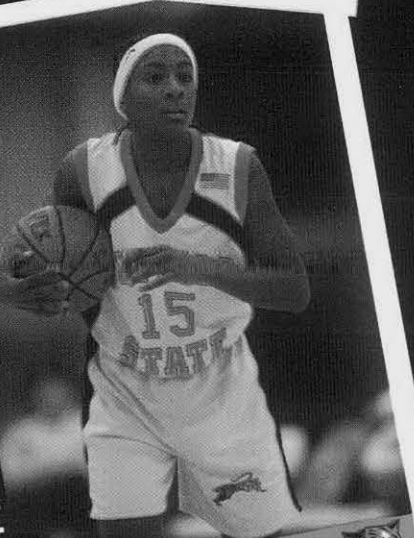
BUFFALO STATE BENGALS



**JOSH BECKER**  
Basketball • Junior



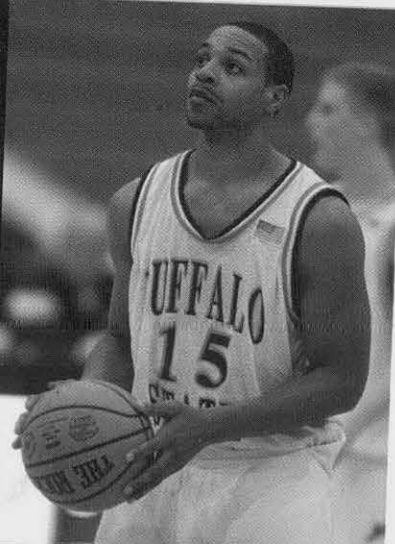
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**DIONNE TURNAGE**  
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**PERRY DAVIS**  
Basketball • Junior



## MEN'S HOCKEY

Buffalo State's men's hockey team set out to make a return trip the the SUNYAC postseason for the second-straight season in 2003-03, but fell short of its quest as it finished the season with a 6-18-1 overall record and a 3-11 mark in conference play.

After opening the season with a loss and a tie at the SUNYAC Preseason Challenge in Potsdam, the Bengals recorded their first victory of the year defeating Utica, 4-2, in the home opener. The team earned its first conference win with a 7-2 road trouncing of Brockport but closed out the first half of their conference schedule with a 2-5 record including a 3-2 victory over Potsdam. After a pair of home wins over Neumann early in the second semester, the Bengals skidded into conference play, losing six straight games. Buffalo State managed to end the season on a positive note, however, upsetting then first-place Fredonia by a 3-2 score in front of its home crowd.

Senior Joe Urbanik led the Bengals with 18 goals and 25 points, finishing his career as the Bengals all-time leading scorer with 61 goals, 70 assists and 131 points. Ricardo Hernandez was the Bengals leading scorer among defensemen with seven goals and 17 points. Both Urbanik and Hernandez were named the the All-SUNYAC Second Team.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Buffalo State's women's hockey team started the year with one goal in mind: a return trip to the ECAC West playoffs. Buffalo State made this goal a reality as it edged Cortland for fourth place, finishing with a 5-15-3 overall record, and a 3-6-3 mark in ECAC West play.

After opening the season with two losses on the road against defending national champion Elmira, Buffalo State bounced back with a 2-0 victory over Cortland on home ice. After opening conference play with a 0-2 record, the Bengals put together back-to-back home wins against ECAC West rival Chatham. In the final game of the regular season, the Bengals earned a critical 1-1 tie with Cortland to clinch the fourth and final playoff spot. Buffalo State battled Elmira in the conference semifinal and fell 4-0 to end the season.

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**ROCKY REEVES**  
Hockey • Senior



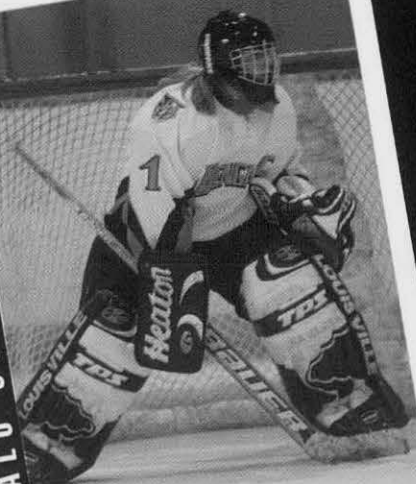
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**JOE URBANIK**  
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**MARY KEDDIE**  
Hockey • Junior



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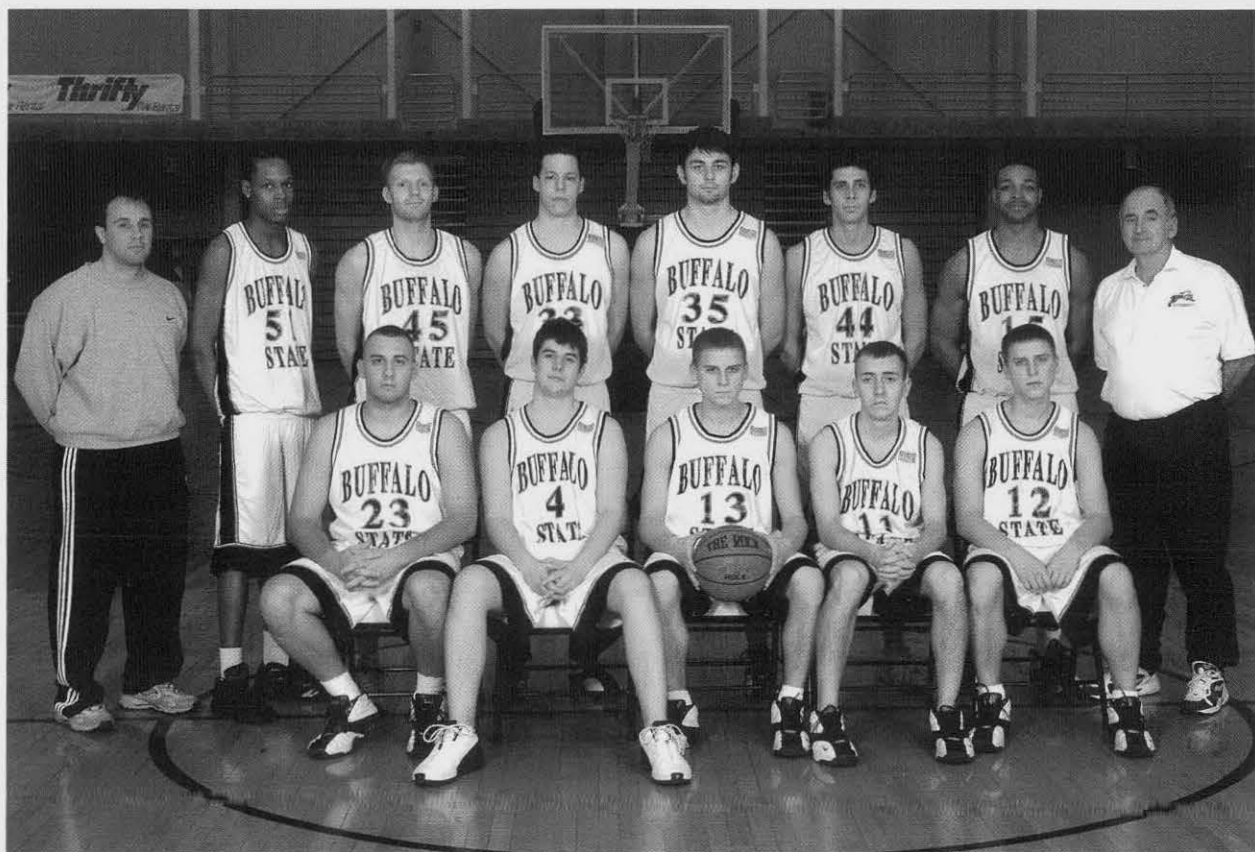
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Hockey • Junior



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# 2003 SUNYAC Champions



## Men's Basketball Team

**Front Row:** Mike Miranto, Tom O'Brien, Jeremy Konst, Aaron Bihr, Justin Konst.  
**Second Row:** Assistant Coach John Cullinan, Justin Wright, Joshua Becker, Kevin Roche, Jon Allport-Cohon, Anthony Piccolo, Perry Davis, Head Coach Dick Bihr.

Josh Becker and Perry Davis were both First Team All-SUNYAC selections. Head Coach Dick Bihr was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his 23-year career.

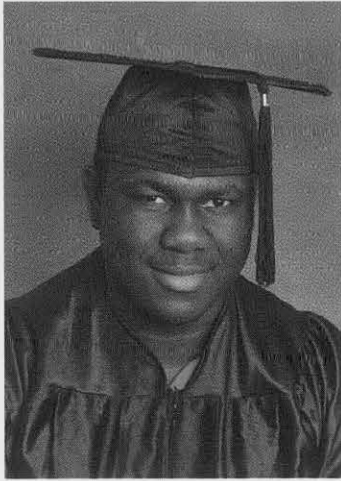


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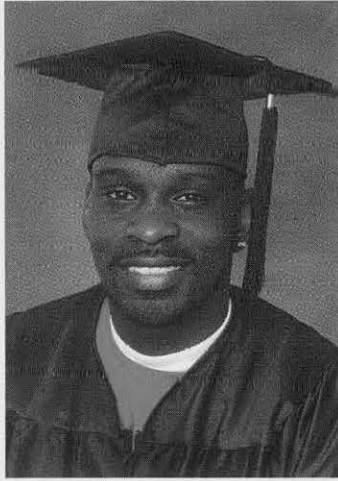
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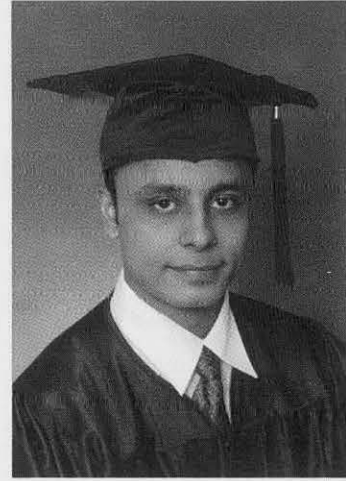
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**Jamore Alexander**  
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Sociology



**Sheetal Anand**  
Delhi, India  
CIS

"Our destiny changes with our thought; we shall become what we wish to become, do what we wish to do, when our habitual thought corresponds with our desire." – Bernarda Arias



**Bernarda Arias**  
Bronx  
Business Studies



**Saadia Austin**  
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Elementary Education

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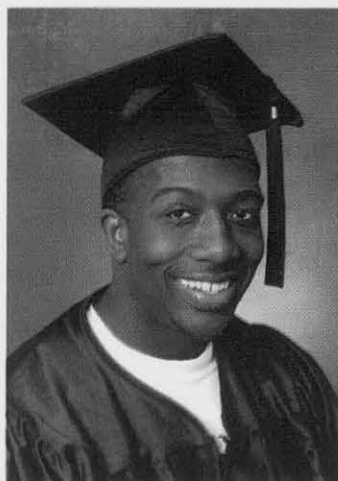


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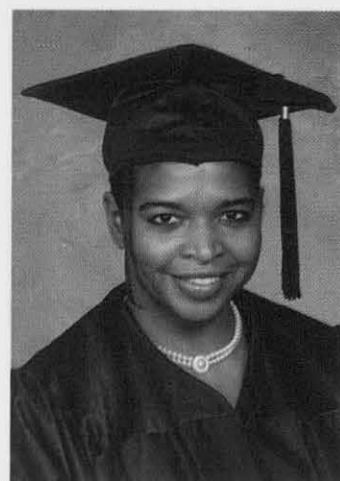
"I joined two terrific organizations (S.P.I.R.I.T Gospel Choir and AASO) and it helped me meet new people and enjoy coming to school." — Janelle Renee Barfield



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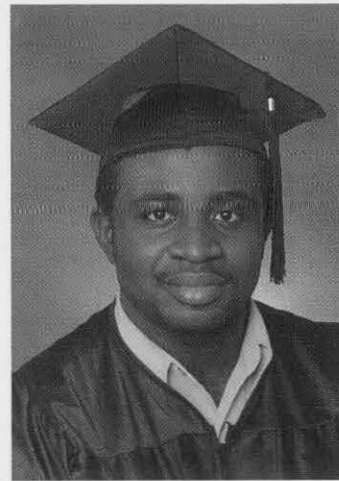
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**Sarah Jean Bluestein**  
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Business Studies



**Kwabena Boakye**  
Accra, Ghana  
Biology

*"Take whatever is available and use it to the maximum."  
— Kwabena Boakeye*



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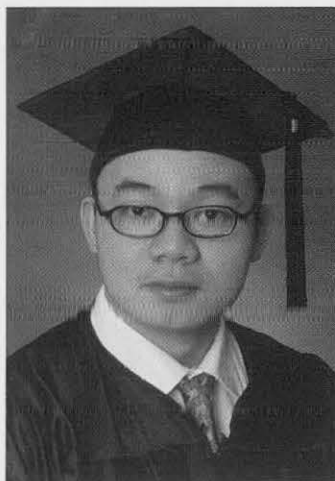


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"You miss 100 percent of all the shots you never take."  
– Wayne Gretzky (Submitted by Katherine Cardenas)



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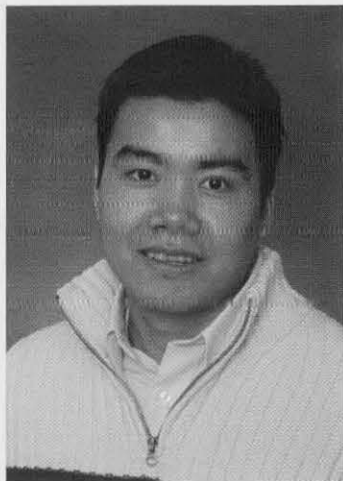
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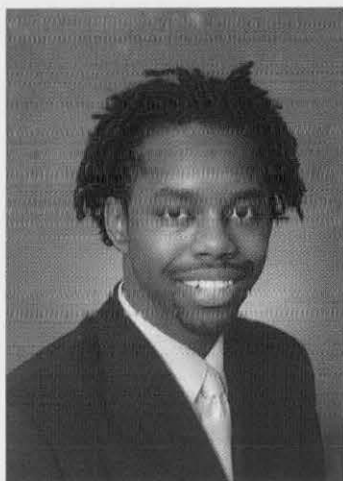


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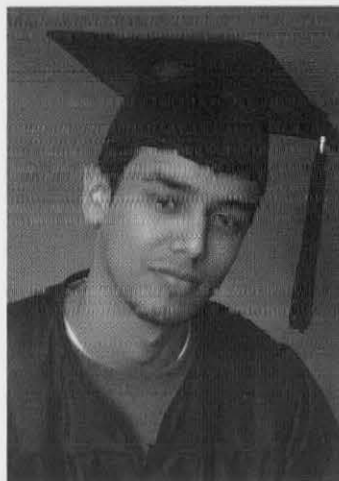


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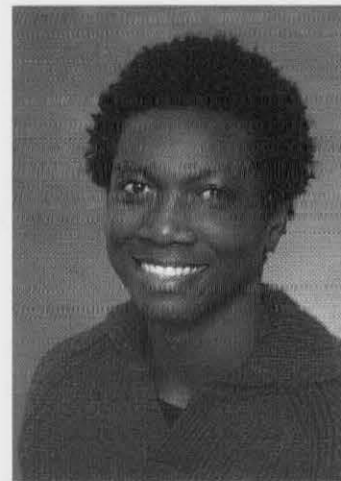
"It was when I found out I could make mistakes that I knew I was on to something."  
– Ornette Coleman (Submitted by Genese Bailey)



**Melvin Cross, Jr.**  
Rochester  
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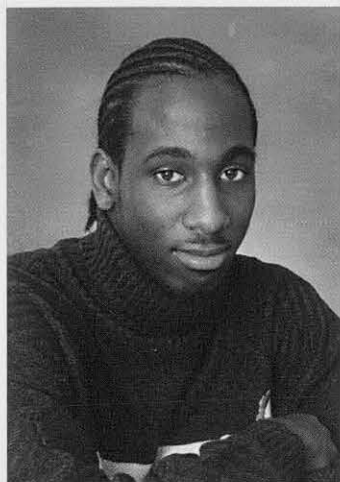


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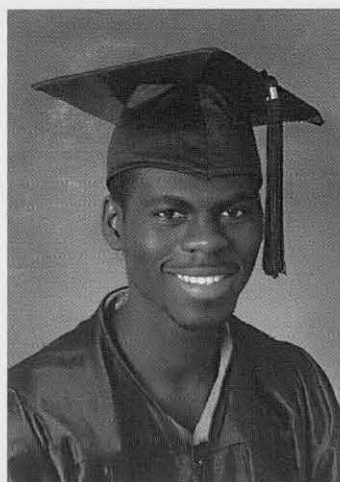


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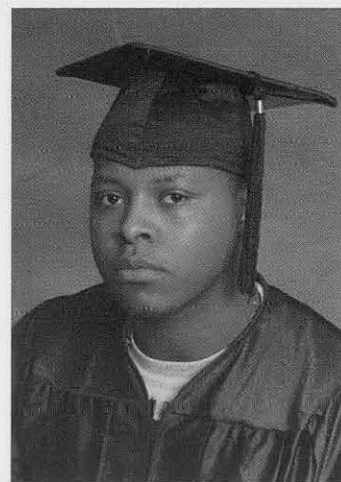
"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience,  
but where he stands at the times of challenge and controversy."  
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Submitted by Jesse Gallo)



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New Rochelle  
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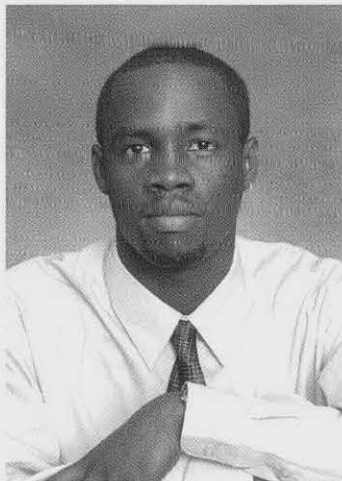
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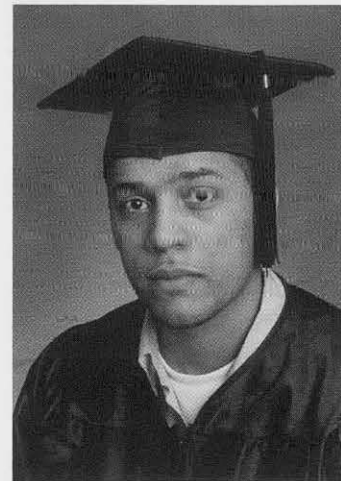
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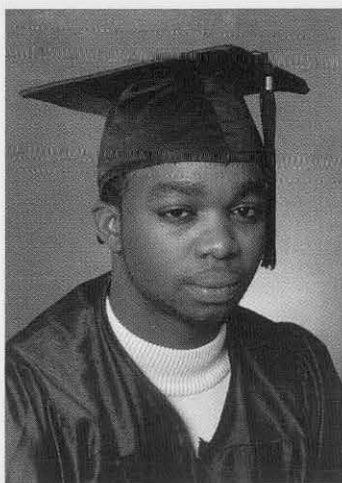


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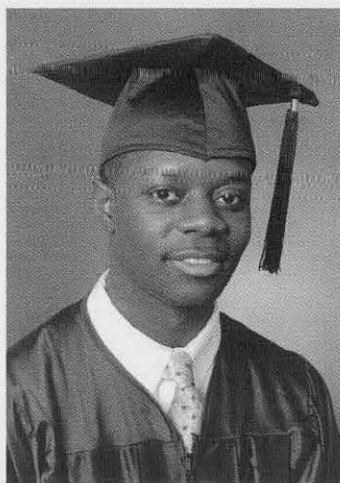


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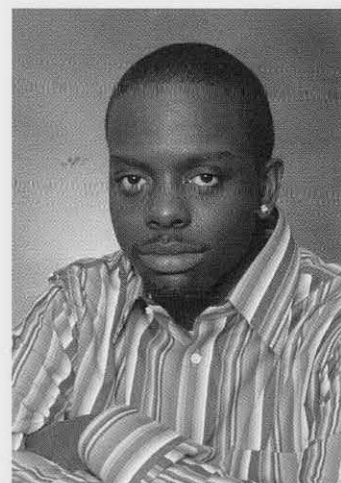
"Buffalo State is a nice campus. I like it here. There is plenty to do and see. There are clubs to join and plenty of opportunities to make our voices heard. We have a beautiful fountain and so much more. Soon I will be out the door." – Mary Galligan



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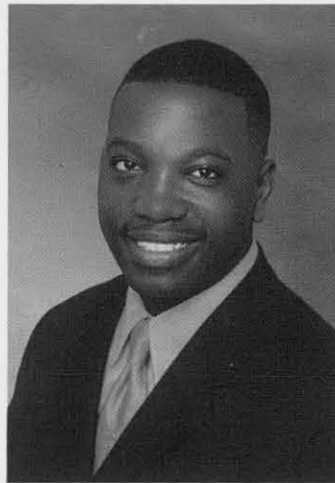


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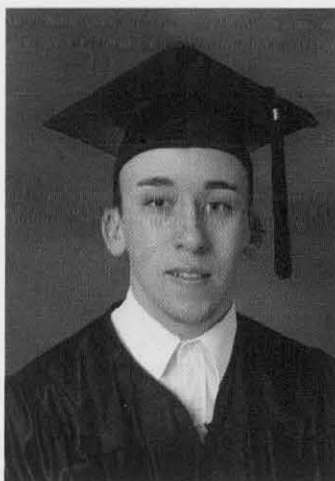


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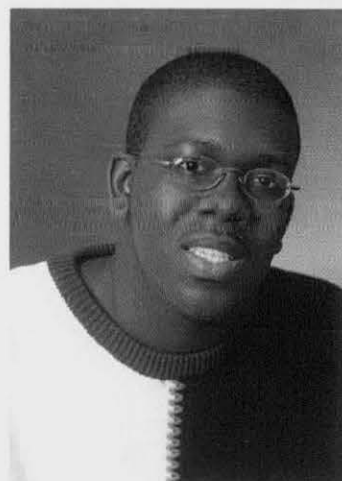
"I can only picture great things happening for me in the not too distant future. This is due to me receiving a great education from Buffalo State College."  
— Lawrence House



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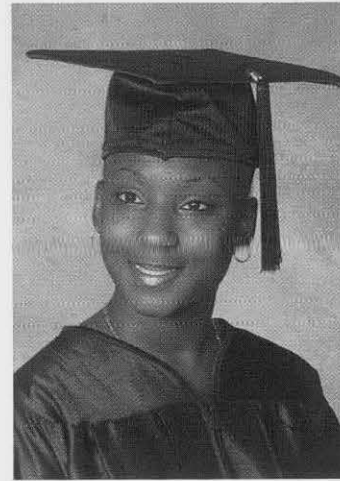
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Health & Wellness

"It your mind can believe it and your heart can conceive it there is no doubt at all that you can achieve it."  
— Ritamarie Jimenez-Sweat



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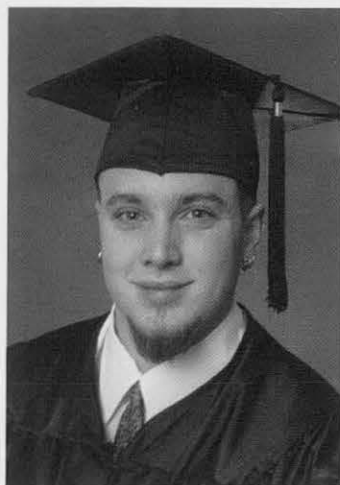
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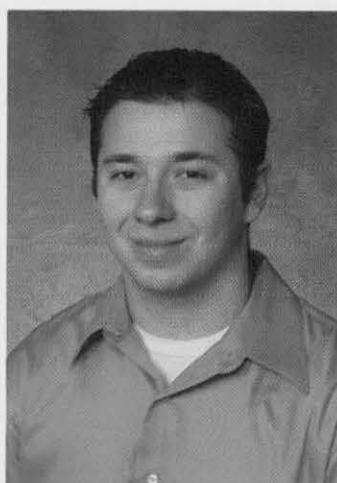


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"Remember to keep working and be faithful to pursue your goals."  
— Edward Griffith



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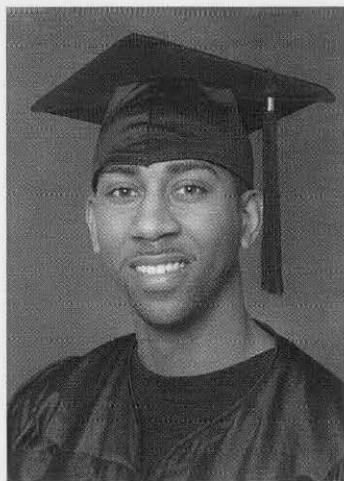
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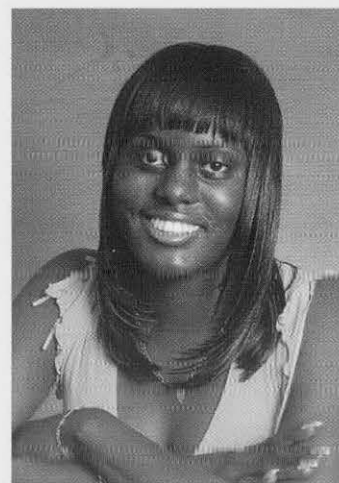
"You may see things and say.. "WHY?" But, I dream things that never were, and I say..  
"WHY NOT!" Class of 2003... "WHY NOT?"  
— Marcus Mister



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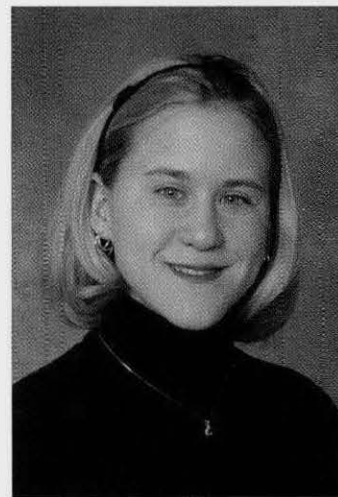
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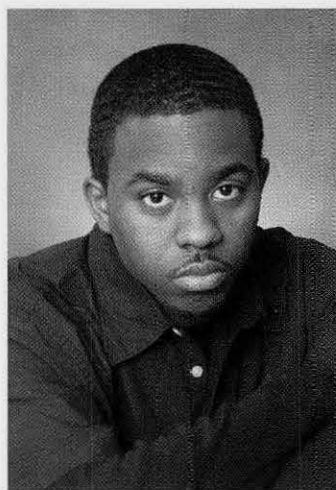


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Exceptional Education

"Dance as if no one were watching. Sing as if no one were listening. Live every day as if it were your last."  
– Susan Marie Michals



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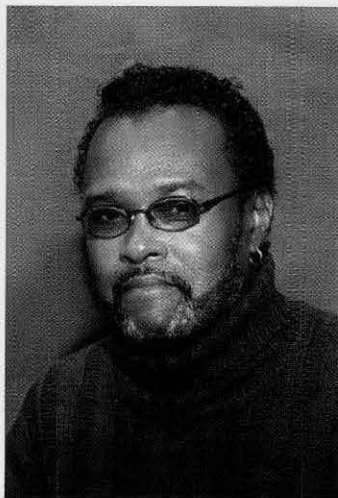
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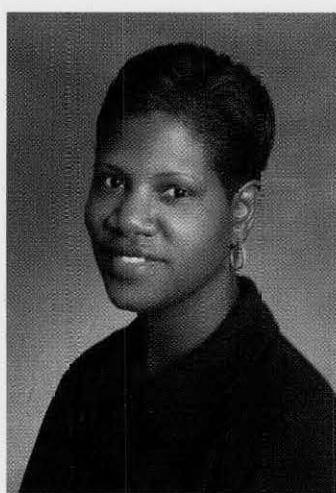


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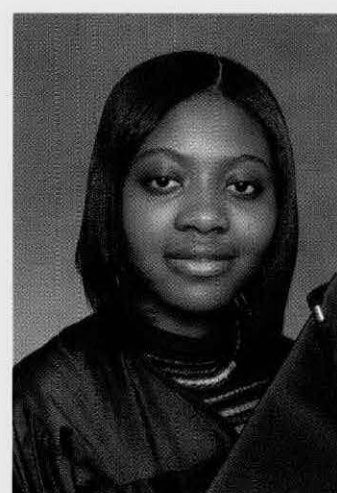
"Buffalo State is a small and friendly community. It was easy for me to meet new people and make new friends, and at the same time study for my hard classes. Many discouraged me about my major in Biology. However, with hard work and help from tutoring services I'm graduating with a good GPA." – Adwoa Owusu



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CIS



**Dunia Yadira Pastor**  
Bronx  
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"It was great to see everyone coming together to bring Mrs. Coretta Scott King to Buffalo State."  
— Bruce Parson



**Vivian H. Pham**  
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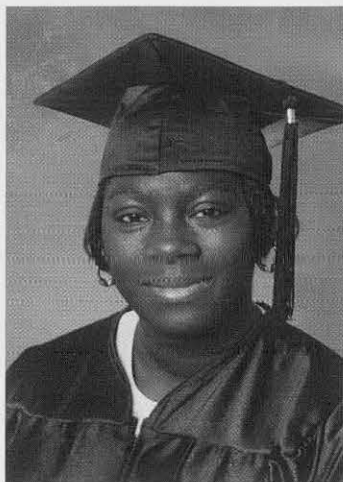
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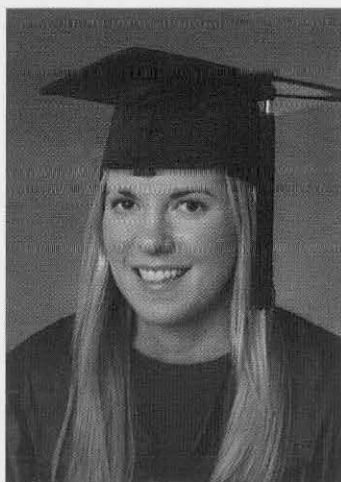


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Health & Wellness

"I'd rather be a could-be if I cannot be an are; because a could-be is a maybe who is reaching for a star. I'd rather be a has-been than a might-have-been, by far; for a might-have-been has never been, but a has was once an are."  
— Melissa Samaroo



**Melissa Samaroo**  
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"Press! Press when college is hard. Press when teachers discourage you, parents do not support you, friends turn their backs on you. Press I Say! Because when you Press there is Success!"  
– Simone D. Whatley



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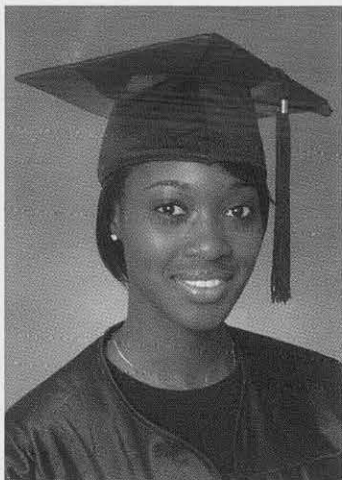
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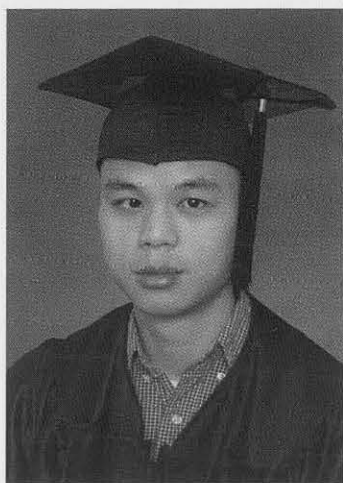


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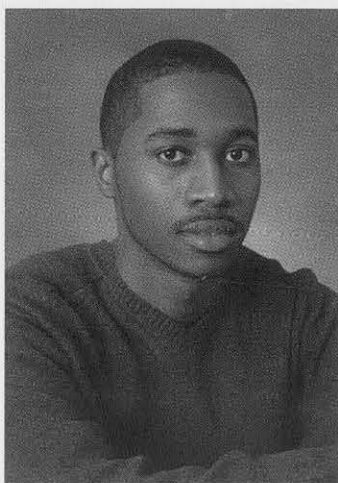


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Buffalo  
Sociology

"The meaning of things lies not in the things themselves, but in our attitude towards them."  
– Terrill D. Hall



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Criminal Justice



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Speech Language Pathology

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CIS



**Miao Jing Wu**  
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Business



**Gwendolyn Zinerman**  
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Elementary Education

"You must believe you can climb any mountain and weather any storm. Treat yourself how you want people to view and treat you. No one can validate your life but you. To God be the glory!"

– Morgan Williams-Bryant

"REMAIN TRUE TO YOURSELF!" It is very easy to become "lost" in this game. You come into college at a stage in your life where you are trying new things and meeting new people. People are constantly trying to "fit in" because of a certain way that people think that they should be as a college student. However, you will come to find that true friends are the ones that know who YOU are and accept and love you anyway! Be yourself, know yourself, and most importantly LOVE YOURSELF!"

– Tracey M, Branch

"Don't ever give up. Know what you want and go for it. Believe in yourself and your abilities and don't let anybody put you down. Think positive, keep courage and work hard, and let your doors open to success."

– Christine Murekeyisoni



## *The Buffalo Psychiatric Center Richardson Complex*

# Buffalo State's Future?



*Students and visitors often wonder: What exactly is in those towers?*

*The answer: not much of anything (except wooden stairways, dust, and bats). They were an architectural device to designed give the spread-out complex a focal point and a monumental appearance that could be seen for miles.*

Many students attend Buffalo State for years, parking their cars and going to class within sight of a large group of very old buildings dominated by a pair of green-patina-copper-topped towers. They often never learn much of anything about those buildings except that they're empty and they're part of the State Psychiatric Center.

Those buildings may become much more important to future Buff State students.

When Buffalo State moved to its present location in 1931 it was built on park and farm land that had been part of a large state hospital complex. The main hospital buildings had been designed by Henry Hobson Richardson and were built in 1870-1895.

Richardson created a style that was so distinctive it was named after him: Richardson Romanesque. It's marked by large, rough stone walls with arches and towers, and rich surface detail.

The State Asylum for the Insane (as it was originally called) was also innovative in its layout. The central areas (under the towers) housed administrative offices, and were flanked by wings that stretched east and west. The wings provided secure wards with private rooms and large, sunny hallways. The hospital even had something not found in private residences at the time – indoor plumbing.

Gradually during the 1900s the wards were shut down and services moved to newer buildings on the grounds. Eventually much of the east wing was torn down, and finally the administration offices were moved out and the buildings began to decay.

Recently, thanks to years of local preservationist activity, the state has earmarked money to stabilize the buildings, with more funds supposedly in line to restore and adapt the complex for use by Buffalo State College. Will it be classrooms? Residences? Studios? Only time will tell. Come back to Buff State in 20 years and find out!



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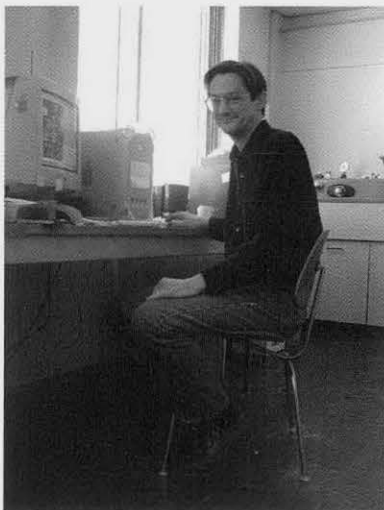
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& Amy Stickney*



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– Mae Urban

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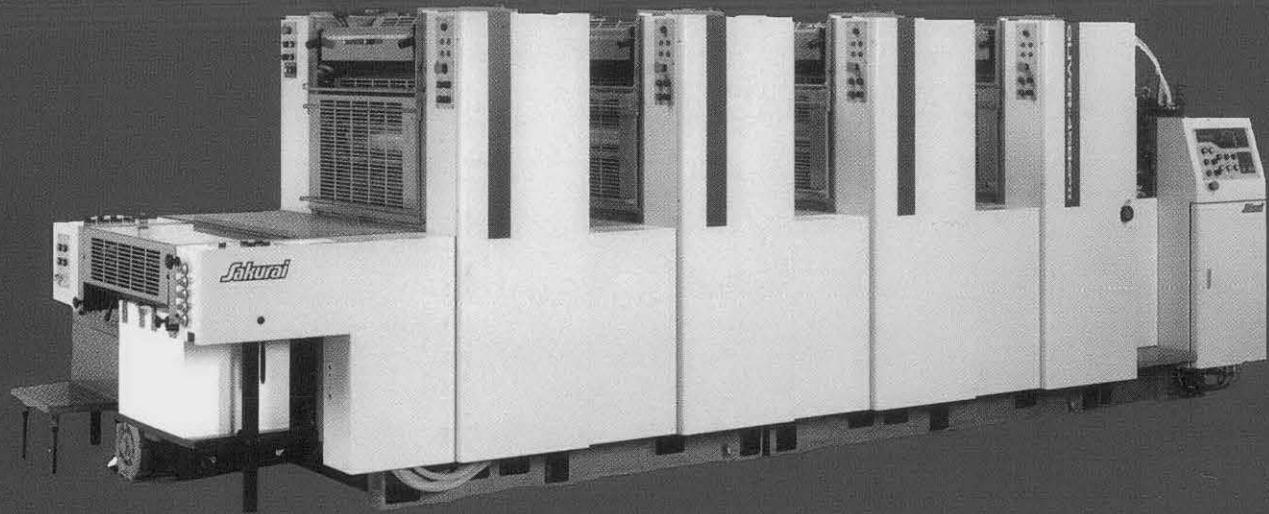
May your expectations rise up  
to meet your expectations.  
May your challenges  
be met with skill and grace.  
May anticipation smile sweetly  
upon your dreams.  
May success flow freely  
through your days...  
...and as your future unfolds,  
may your days be filled  
with victories and celebrations,  
big and small –  
each one meaningful  
and well-earned!

Thank you to everyone who made this  
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